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## **NEWS** BRIEF

## Calif. Assembly OKs Software Exemption

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - The California Assembly has passed by a vote of 71 to 1 a bill that would give users and vendors a two-year reprieve from taxes on software so that further studies can be made on the problem of assessing the taxes.

The measure will now be sent to the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee for hearings.

Capitol sources said no major opposition is anticipated, but Senate action is not likely before the end of April.

If the proposal becomes law, it would abort plans by county assessors to put software on the tax roles by assessing it as tangible personal property.

The bill states that computer software would be assessed as if there were no program on it. Software sold with a computer, however, would be valued as a unit with the computer.

## **WU Plans 30% Rate Cuts,** FCC Approves Datran Sites

Western Union has told the FCC it plans to lower its rates "as much as 30%" for medium-speed data channels between Chicago and St. Louis. The proposed rates would go into effect June 5 if approved by the FCC, and "would match without undercutting" present Microwave Communications Inc. rates, WU said.

In a related move, Datran became the second specialized carrier to get construction approval from the FCC, when 63 tower applications between Palo Alto, Calif., and Houston were voted last week. Construction will begin "during the last half of 1972" with initial service "in late 1973." Datran said.

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## TCC's Extended DOS Enhancements Include 6 Partitions, Load Balancing

Of the CW Staff

RICHMOND, Va. - The Computer Company (TCC) has released the first version of its Extended Disk Operating System (Edos) which adds a range of features, including control of six separate partitions, to IBM's DOS Release 26.

The Edos enhancements include supervisor, system and utility support. Although several features, such as the sixpartition support, aid more effective multiprogramming, many are just as valuable to the smaller user who wants more efficient operations, the company said.

TCC spokesmen also stressed that Edos is an extension of the IBM stabilized DOS Release 26, so that it gives the system enhancements to the 360 user who may not want to move up to the 370, as well as to the user who has already moved to the newer hardware.

### Core Costly

While support for six partitions is the most spectacular feature of Edos, it is also the most costly in terms of core, requiring a minimum of 128K bytes of memory "before it should even be considered," TCC said. For that reason, it is an extra-cost feature, rather than a part of the basic Edos.

Essentially, Edos provides a new supervisor without altering language processors, access methods or other elements of the operating system.

The Edos supervisor provides load balancing, storage of programs and loaders in relocatable form and blocked fetching of program phases. Better management of resident and transient DOS modules cuts sharply into the inter-job processing time, the company noted.

System enhancements include automatic volume recognition of disk packs, a procedure library for JCL storage and a

faster than IBM's. A report module is available for the job accounting records generated by DOS.

A disk dump/restore subsystem, said to be able to transfer contents of an entire 2314 disk pack to tape in less than four minutes, is the chief utility provided by Edos. Otherwise, there is a system for both temporary and more permanent source statement library and a text-editing routine, intended for in-house production of user manuals.

While several of these DOS enhancements are available individually or in small combinations in software from other vendors, this is the first time so many have been combined in a single package, TCC claimed.

In addition, any DOS enhancements not in Edos, but which can operate under IBM's DOS Release 26, can still be used with the Edos supervisor. Spooling of slow I/O and the ability to assign phantom peripherals when there are not enough real ones are examples of capabilities now outside of, but compatible with Edos, spokesmen said.

## **Twin Machines**

The six-partition support feature, from an operator's viewpoint, turns the 360 or 370 into twin DOS-oriented machines, each with three partitions. Jobs are still assigned to background, foreground 1 and foreground 2, but references are in upper case for one of the "machines" and in lower case for the other.

All six partitions can be controlled through one Sysres pack, or through two. With the two Sysres options, the Edos user could maintain separate versions of the system, or could do system work on one pack while continuing production work with the remaining three partitions, TCC said.

The Edos features are modular and are included or left out, based on parameters (Continued on Page 2)

## STC Double Density Drive Uses Standard Mag Tape

By Frank Piasta

Of the CW Staff

LOUISVILLE, Colo. - Storage Technology Corp. (STC) has introduced a series of magnetic tape systems, compatible with IBM computer systems, that can read and write standard magnetic tape at a recording density of 3,200 bit/in.

Twice the density offered by any other company, the 3,200 bit/in. density can be achieved, the company said, with most of the currently manufactured tapes that use a heavy duty binder. Older tapes, especially those made before 1964, might not

be suitable, the company said.

The new density is offered by STC in the 3500/3800 Magnetic Tape subsystem. The 3500 drive is basically the same unit as preceding versions and may be field upgraded to 3,200 bit/in. capability.

The tape-to-head relationship had to be strictly controlled through a redesigned head contour and a sharper write-pulse definition. The read operation uses phase-encoded read detection with redesigned circuitry.

## Fewer Tape Reels

The greatest benefits with the high density will be to the user with massive tape files who can decrease the number of tape reels in his library. Throughput time on a given job could also be improved by the elimination of tape-swapping time.

The average user will save money on his rental, the company said, by going to a lower tape speed, higher density drive to get the same data rate at a lower monthly cost.

The 3500 drive, STC said, approaches the limits of technology as far as currently available media are concerned. Any further advance in recording density, the company said, will probably have to be accompanied by changes in the media and/or basic recording techniques.

Monthly lease prices on the 3500 drives will range from \$510/mo to \$840/mo for models with tape speeds from 75 in./sec to 250 in./sec and data rates as high as 800,000 byte/sec. The 3800 controller, a modified version of the Mark III Model used with other 250 in./sec STC drives, carries a monthly lease price of \$840/mo.

First deliviers will be during the first quarter of 1973 from 2270 South 88th St., 80027.

## 2314 'Universal' Controller Offers More, Costs Less

By a CW Staff Writer

ANA, Calif. - International Peripherals & Computer Corp. (IPC) has developed a "Universal" Controller that could mean big savings for IBM 360 and

In its first version, the controller is a direct compatible replacement for the 2314 control unit. The price of the IPC unit is 20% of that of the IBM device, a savings of about 80%.

## **Writable Control Store**

The controller includes a writable control store that will allow users to add rotational position sensing and multiple requesting, usually reserved for the 3330. The company cautioned that the user would have to modify the IBMsupplied operating system software to implement these features.

The disk controller display indicates file selected, cylinder and head address of selected file (CCHH), current channel command word (CCW), bit count appendage and specific address of control unit and file which wrote the record, and file

status.
The "Universal" Controller can be modified to duplicate any IBM controller used with the 360 or 370, the company said. This could include controllers for tane drives, terminal line printers and combinations of devices.

The unit can also perform functions of such units as the 2860 selector channel, 2870 multiplexer channel and the 2880 block multiplexer channel.

First deliveries are being made this month. The special 2314 features will be available in six months from 633 Young

## ity Bonds May Buy

By E. Drake Lundell Jr.

Of the CW Staff
CLEVELAND — This city may become the first in the nation to issue municipal bonds specifically for computer equipment in an economy move to replace what has been called an "inefficient" data processing operation. Mayor Ralph J. Perk has intro-

duced legislation into the city council for a \$2.5 million bond issue to allow the city to purchase an IBM 370/155 instead of renting the machine from IBM at \$758,000 per year.

The use of a bond issue for computer equipment is probably "first," an IBM spokesman



## Fluid Ordering

The receipt for raw milk picked up by Lehi The Farmer's Dairy appears to get some bovine supervision on a farm in Pennsylvania. The hand-printed order forms are OCR-read directly into an IBM 370/145 to eliminate delays and errors usually associated with order preparation.

## Enhancements Include 6 Partitions

(Continued from Page 1) used with one extra macro at Sysgen time. All the basic features can be included in less than 2K bytes of core. The six-partition support adds another 2K bytes of memory to the supervisor, according to the company.

## 14K-byte Minimum

Batched partitions under Edos also must be a minimum of 14K bytes, rather than the 10K bytes

required by IBM. Single Program Initiate (SPI) partitions are no different under Edos than under DOS, spokesmen added.

The basic Edos is available for \$225/mo on a lease arrangement, while the six-partition feature, which requires the basic system, leases for an additional \$75/mo. One-time purchase prices are 30 times the monthly lease prices, TCC said from the Seventh and Franklin Building, 23219.

The 370/155 will replace two 360/40s presently operating "in-efficiently," according to two recent reports to the city.

Overall, the new system will give the city "increased flexibility" and purchasing the ma-chine outright will save the city about \$2.5 million over the next few years, city sources said.

Operating the system more efficiently will also save money with better fiscal control, better inventory control and more efficient operation in other areas, they said.

A recent report, conducted by the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., found that one of the present 360/40s was not operating 67.9% of the time and that the other machine was not in use 25.5% of the time.

Between January and October last year, the firm said one 40 was used only 6,013 hours out of a possible 18,720, while the other was used 10,742 hours out of 14,400.

"The systems were definitely underutilized," according to Mitchell Sahadi, vice president of Logics Corp., now working on a City Task Force, funded by the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, to help the city's overall operations.

Even though the city had modern equipment, the applications 'smacked of the old unit record applications."

The city also lacks a sound accounting system for the payment of bills, he said.

"The city has never had good fiscal control. Instantaneous accounting by computer will allow Cleveland to take advantage of discounts allowed by companies when bills are paid within a specified time," he added.

## Small Systems Covered

MOORESTOWN, N.J. - All About Small Accounting Computers, a management-oriented report covering 58 low-priced business data processing systems, is available from Datapro Research Corp. for \$10 per copy.

The 24-page report, designed to aid executives in understanding small computer systems, has been reprinted from the February supplement to Datapro 70.

## News Wrapup

## Class Suit Vetoed on Credit Cards

NEW YORK - A federal judge ruled here that a suit charging Chemical Bank with failure to disclose finance charges on monthly computerized statements of its Master Charge credit card did not qualify as a class action.

This means that each of more than 130,000 individual card holders must sue separately to receive damages of \$100 that the judge said last June they were entitled to get.

Chemical said in its defense that its lawyers had not believed the disclosure was required in cases where no charge had been made.

## County DP May Yield Additional Income

FORT COLLINS, Colo. - A new computer system in Larimer County is expected to generate additional income for the county.

The municipalities of Fort Collins and Estes Park are already

making use of computer services by county equipment. And other nearby municipalities which do not have computers are potential customers of the county DP arrangement.

Colorado's uniform audit system for county accounting is expected to bring all county business procedures into conformity with procedures used in Larimer County.

## Canada Takes a Look at Computers, Privacy

TORONTO - One of the primary objectives of the Federal Government's Computer Communications Task Force will be the investigation of computers and their effect on individual privacy.

The task force will present its findings this month, following public discussions. The report will include specific recommendations, such as who should head the computer communications network and who – government or industry – should implement the recommended policies.

## Sign of the Times: Computer-Read EKGs

NEW YORK - Within five years, 90% of the nation's hospitals will use a computer to diagnose heart ailments, according to a noted cardiologist.

Dr. Leon Pordy of The Mount Sinai Medical Center said that use of the computer in reading and analyzing electrocardiograms was inevitable. "The computer is generally more accurate than the human eye, provides hospitals with instant, low-cost service and functions without fatigue 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Pordy was influential in the development of the world's first

computer system which diagnoses an electrocardiogram.

## \$1,000 Computer Science Grant Awarded

ANAHEIM, Calif. - George A. Boyer has received West Coast University's new \$1,000 William Duke Annual scholarship grant in computer science, established by Computing & Software, Inc.

An employee of Hughes Aircraft Co., Boyer, 35, achieved a 3.99 grade point average over his five years of evening classes at West Coast University's Orange County Center in Orange.

The award encourages outstanding students in computer science and honors Dr. William M. Duke, a trustee of the university, for his many contributions to science and industry.

## Navy DPer Gets a Free Change of Scenery

NEW YORK - Glen Voges, a programmer/analyst at the Navy Resale System Office in Brooklyn, N.Y., has won a free trip to Rome, courtesy of Genesis One Computer Corp., sponsor of the

As a civil service employee, Voges has been a computer programmer with the U.S. Navy Department for the past four years. He is married and he and his wife plan to take their week in Rome in the very near future.

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## Run by Students

## Tax Assistance Program Going Strong

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. – A free computerized tax counseling service offered by University of Virginia graduate students for lower income families of the Charlottesville area is in its second year of operation.

Operating on weekends with some 250 students from the Graduate School of Business as counselors, the tax preparation service was used by more than 600 area taxpayers this year.

The Internal Revenue Service provided instruction booklets for all student volunteers (distributed several days before the instruction period), all applicable tax tables, schedules and preaddressed envelopes.

The service utilizes donated GE Terminet 300 teleprinters and computer time.

A student at the business school developed a computer program that would calculate standard federal and state returns when input of readily available data was given. Involved returns were done by hand.

Those taking advantage of the program were mostly low income (average about \$5,000) families with relatively simple returns. The next largest single group was students who had worked during the summer or part time, had had taxes withheld and were entitled to a full refund.

The idea has spread to a number of other campuses around the country and a similar program is now in use in four other states at state and privately operated colleges.

## Project Determines Most Patients Like To `Tell the Computer'

By Robert L. Glass

Special to Computerworld
SEATTLE — Published results of a oneyear test program show both doctors and
patients are generally pleased by the experimental use of computers to record
patients' medical histories.

An overwhelming number of patients (96%) felt comfortable answering the computer-presented questions. Many felt more at ease responding to a computer (39%) than to a doctor (24%), and 37% saw no difference at all.

Doctors were pleased with the results – 72% found it helpful and 77% found it saved them time. However, 40% of the doctors wanted more or different information and 34% did not.

The test program, one of the first to use remote terminals for history acquisition, was conducted by the Medical Computer Services Association (MCSA), a nonprofit corporation linked to the federally funded Washington/Alaska Regional Medical Program.

MCSA leased the system, a Profile 320, manufactured by Searle Medidata Inc. for one year, and found a charge of \$5/patient history allowed it to break even on the \$30,000 total expenses.

A PDP-8 computer was located at the Washington State Medical Association office, and five remote terminals were placed in various offices, hospitals and clinics in the greater Seattle area.

Patients answered multiple-choice questions about their health histories for an average of 30 minutes. A summary was available from the computer in about seven minutes.

Some problems encountered were predictable – teletypewriters are noisy; MCSA preparation of participating doctors was inadequate; and "ingrained tradition" caused some doctors to reject the new concept. Others were surprising – doctors tended to send patients they didn't like to the computer, the system was not suitable in a crisis environment and difficult to use at bedside.



University of Virginia graduate school students Frederick Harvey (standing) and Tee Williams work on a tax. form.

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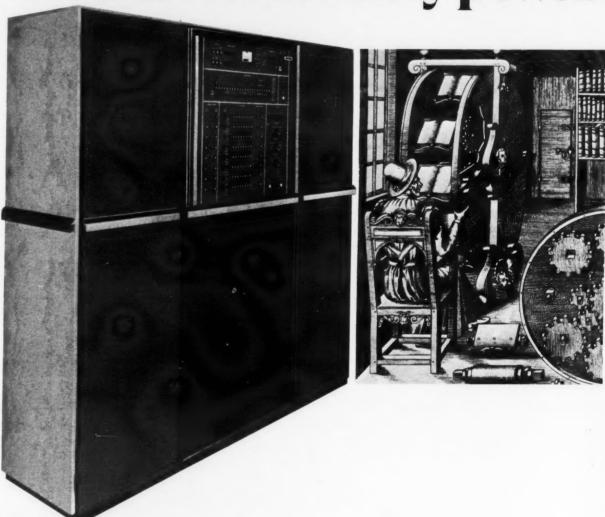
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## At the CW Southern Calif. Caravan...

## Stress On-Line File Recovery, Users Told

LOS ANGELES - Intelligent CRT terminals, with cassettes for data input and output and hard-copy printing capability, solve many problems in inventory control that aren't solved by paper tape processing, on-line

direct-entry or key-tape operations, according to John Johnston of the Farr Co.

The CRT units allow the data to be entered virtually as quickly as with direct-entry or conventional key-tape operations, and support hard copy printing of sales, purchase and manufacturing orders generated overnight at a separate data center, Johnston told his intelligent terminal workshop at the Southern California Computer Users' Forum

By putting data on cassettes and then transcribing it to halfinch tape for physical transportation, once a day, to the data

## Data Entry

center, Farr also could shift its processing to another center if needed.

Software and recovery procedures increase in importance with computer users' hardware sophistication, attendees at the forum were reminded.

"We know we're going to have down conditions, that's not the question," said panelist Bruce Armstrong, project leader for the Walt Disney Productions' hotel computer system.

"The question is how much

dard office correspondence. Nolan's installation was able to

replace 14 keypunch operators and 14 verifiers with 14 typists, a direct labor cost savings. The typewriters could also be located wherever the user departments wanted, for ease of entry. They didn't have to be grouped in a central office, which often proved equally inaccessible to

Mills, associate Medicare ad-



downtime" will be incurred, he

## ...To San Francisco

The conference visits San Francisco this week (April 10-12) and Chicago next week (April 18-20).

said, in emphasizing the need to plan for on-line file recovery.

If the Disney system is down when a guest checks out of a hotel, a bill can still be prepared, and late charges are mailed to the customer, Armstrong said. If just a terminal or a portion of the system goes down briefly, there is immediate file backup created by referring to the original transaction, he added.

Charles Nolan of the U.S. Navy Aviation DP Service Center told his panel on optical character recognition that OCR can solve most data entry problems, if the user has a current workload of at



(CW Photos by E.J. Bride)

The new Novar 7-70 data collection unit, shown only in Los Angeles, gets a "hands-on" work-

least 300,000 card/mo.

Data has to be typed in OCR-A for the scanner, Nolan admitted. but this type font can be provided on a Selectric typewriter 'ball," and when the OCR work is done, the ball can be replaced and the typewriter used for stan-

all, he noted.

OCR input might be preferable to keypunch replacement, "if you can get somebody else to do your typing for you," com-mented Peter Mills in his keypunch replacement workshop.

ministrator for Occidental Life of California, said using a shared-processor key-to-disk system saves his company \$1,000/mo in cards, plus a 30% reduction in keypunch personnel. Throughput increased by 49%, he said, measured in terms of record/

## ...Independents Are `the Way to Go'

LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles County has found that dial-up communications lines are perfectly adequate for most applications, and that in some cases in which the county is using leased lines, there is absolutely no need special conditioning, according to panelist Les Walker, communications supervisor for the county.

The four-year-old centralized DP department found, however, that substituting Penril modems for those from the Bell system increased throughput as much as 62% in some instances. This improvement is made, Walker told the dial-up workshop, because the units from the independent do not include the built-in time delays for echo suppression and other "handshaking" duties in the Bell modems.

Even with leased lines, on the other hand, the California State Universities and Colleges data network, linking 19 institutions,

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active problem-solving tasks concurrently. Consequently, big jobs are often sent to the appropriate data center by air or surface transportation, John Harrison of the network told his workshop on leased line utiliza-

can't handle big batch and inter-

The network, developed within the past four years, is designed to allow job types to be entered indiscriminately. The system sorts them out sending them to either time-sharing or batch-

## **Communications**

oriented CPUs for processing, and returns data to the sending terminal.

The colleges pay some \$70,000/yr for communications lines. In setting up the network purchased their own modems and developed their own software protocols for servicing the users. Both of these strategies have been subjects for second thoughts, Harrison said. "In fact, all equipment will go out for bids again in 1974," he added.

As for the independents, "no doubt about it," they're "the way to go," according to Bruce Harris of Continental Airlines. While much of the hardware is currently IBM, "rarely" is any new communications equipment installed by the mainframe maker.

Data communications at Continental, or at the five other airlines which it serves, include Honeywell front-end concentrators, Collins modems, Incoterm CRTs and other equipment from Data Products and Data Measurement Corp. (multiplexers and teletypewriter terminal replacements, respectively).

Harris spent about six years as an IBM systems engineer, he told the attendees at his workshop on independent equipment suppliers and mainframe makers. While outside vendors can often

75% of IBM prices, equipment consideration must extend to maintenance, he admitted. "When you look at a CRT that

provide equipment at 50% to

does the same as IBM's at half the price, it's hard not to go independent," he related.

In explaining the "conservative approach" in obtaining communications gear, panelist Frank Oliver, staff engineer at Hughes Aircraft, told attendees at his workshop on carriers as equipment sources that the Hughes network is a "dynamic" one that changes frequently. If his company decides to change the makeup of a remote site, or perhaps close the site, the inflexibility of minimum-time commitments with independent suppliers could be costly.

Most independent suppliers require a minimum one-year commitment, and "quite frequently, multi-year" contracts, Oliver noted.

For the same reason, if equipment is selected but not delivered for six months and a facility is closed, based on a advance notice. two-month then the decision to use independent vendors "could look bad," he added.

With the common carriers, a user can discontinue using modems "almost immediately,"

## Too Many Vendors Can Be Problems

LOS ANGELES - The move to independent peripherals must be predicated on more than just budgetary considerations, according to Ross Penne of the University of Southern California (USC).

Without specifying vendors, he said two different suppliers of disks and tapes may not be as cost-effective as one independent vendor. The maintenance personnel of additional vendors can present some problems, just because of the number of employers, and not necessarily their expertise, he indicated.

The USC center has independent tape drives with an IBM control unit, which is "not the way to do it," he told attendees at the operational efficiency workshop.

"Draw the line between the control unit and the main-

## **Operational Efficiency**

frame," he noted, and not between the peripherals and the control unit.

For panelist Frank Rodstrom. manager of computer operations at Rohr Industries, a \$7,000 extended core unit performed better than the \$25,000 equivalent

Regarding independent equipment, Rodstrom said his company had to spend thousands of dollars to prove multiplexer channel problems were caused, not by an independent vendor, but in the design of IBM equipment.

Lou Fried of Title Insurance told his Caravan workshop that the decision of whether to use dedicated or general-purpose

equipment for a given application is too often made on technical equipment evaluations, rather than broad management consideration.

The cost and availability of supplies to support any method of implementing an application must be considered. If multiple copies are needed, for example, carbon copies of line printer output may not be the answer. Printing onto multilith masters might solve the problem, however, if the user has a multilith machine available, Fried said.

Los Angeles County still has a wide mix of hardware - IBM, Burroughs, NCR, Honeywell and RCA - in seven separate data centers, but it has done several things to bring order out of this chaos, according to Lance Goodwin of the county's DP department.

As part of the centralization effort, for example, the department has established a Cobol subset that can be used across equipment lines, he told the software workshop.

Features available in any given compiler, but not set forth in the common subset, may not be used without managerial approval, Goodwin noted.



Sanders 804 intelligent terminal gets close attention.



## 3d Compromise Tests IBM's Technical Competence

The technical competence of the IBM engineers, as well as their professional honesty, was unexpectedly placed on trial at

the conclusion of the add-on memory case, After IBM had insisted it would be "impractical" to attempt to maintain, even at a reduced maintenance

level, the altered equipment, the IBM engineering force was under instructions to do just that!

The new position was not a particularly happy one. On the

one hand, IBM could find that in fact it was unable to maintain the equipment – and so raise very serious doubts about its technical competence, or it could successfully keep the equipment on the air, and so

## CW Report

This is the fourth in a series of investigative reports on the effects of IBM's attempt to withdraw maintenance from 360/30 users with memories extended to 128K.

that its original claims about "impracticality" had been

IBM's dilemma arose only when a third IBM solution to the problem was offered last month. Either of the two earlier suggestions would not have posed the question quite so sharply. The December offer - that IBM could maintain systems provided that add-on manufacturers restrict themselves to areas IBM approved - posed no such di-lemma for the engineers, nor did the February offer of support, provided that the add-on manufacturer restrict himself to adding new circuitry, and avoid altering or using any of the IBM circuitry.

But the March compromise, and the one which has just brought the curtain down on the add-on memory act in the great maintenance debate, involved giving the users a reduced level of maintenance which they had previously been refused - and there is the rub.

While the IBM engineering dilemma was brought quickly into focus by this third solution, it actually had existed for many years. IBM engineers, being professionals, had had to read, and sign that they had read, the IBM Business Conduct Guidelines, which include the full 1956 consent decree. They had known for years that in the decree IBM had legally agreed to maintain altered equipment provided that it was not impractical.

The IBM engineers had refrained from demanding authoritative statements as to what was legally "impractical," and instead accepted the IBM engineering policy.

As a result, when the crunch came in March, it turned out that IBM had not obtained approval of the courts for its chosen method of implementing maintenance withdrawal, and it also had not even bothered to discuss the definition of the word "impractical" with users or with the Justice Department for at least five years!

It turned out that IBM engineers, who were trained to consult with other engineers (and so knew it was practical to do so), accepted a policy that they should not consult with outsiders.

Their reward was to find themselves suddenly on the horns of a dilemma. They now face condemnation for technical dishonesty if they succeed in maintaining the equipment, or else incompetence if they actually fail to maintain it.

The IBM engineers, however, were not the only ones who were unhappy. The IBM users had no cause to cheer either. They had discovered that, when they failed to enforce their own rights under the contracts, there was no guardian angel waiting to battle for them. They had seen that although the consent decree guaranteed they could alter and add to their equipment, neither the court that had granted the decree, nor the Justice Department which had agreed to it, had bothered to even define what the conditions really meant.

Users had seen their rights under contracts could be ignored, and that test cases taken suddenly, in obscure areas, after months of apparent acquiescence, could cause major disturbances.

And they had seen themselves again ignored as their rights were partitioned, in the words of Judge Lloyd H. Burke, as he approved the settlement be-tween IBM and Advanced Memory Systems: "If the judgment is acceptable to the parties, it certainly shouldn't be any concern to the court." IBM users, of course, were not parties in the

The IBM users, then, like the IBM engineers, came out of the episode with fewer rights then when they went in. Hopefully, both users and engineers came out with a clearer view that they have only themselves to blame for their position.

Perhaps that is progress. But until the curtain rises on some future drama, the situation remains bad for IBM users, IBM employees and for the whole U.S. computer industry which IBM dominates.

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Special to Computerworld

SAN FRANCISCO – Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. hopes to save \$500 million a month with a computer programmed to stop credit card fraud in California.

The computer has thus far prevented completion of 80,000

bogus credit card calls since it began warning operators in January, according to Ben Dial, assistant vice-president for operations at Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Dial said the computer, in a secret location in California, is the only equipment of its kind

lead-time enough to deploy the

in the U.S. and is programmed to say "no" in a feminine voice when queried by an operator.

When a credit card call is placed, the operator keypunches the card number into the computer circuit. If the number checks out, the operator hears a recorded female voice say "okay." If the number is phony, the voice says "no," repeats the number and says "no" again.

The check takes 22 seconds.

The computer check is centered around Hollywood and the larger universities, where most of the phony calls occur, Dial said.



## Movements of Oil Spills Studied, Method May Also Aid Enforcement ROLLA, Mo. — A research team here is developing a comwould give Coast Guard officers

ROLLA, Mo. — A research team here is developing a computerized technique to predict oil spill movements in the open sea in order to give the U.S. Coast Guard time to deploy cleanup gear before the oil hits the beaches. Officials also hope to trace backward to determine what ship or ships spilled the oil.

Profs. Ronald Reisbig and Darryl Alofs of the University of Missouri-Rolla mechanical engineering department are in the second year of a long-range U.S. Coast Guard-sponsored research project involving the effects of waves and wind on oil spills.

## Whither and Whence

"Knowing where a large oil slick is heading," Alofs said, "will give the Coast Guard time to deploy cleanup equipment. Knowing where it came from gives the Guard evidence to use in assessing fines and other penalties."

"We have taken actual data from previous ocean spills," Reisbig said, "and data from an experimental wave-analysis device we've constructed here. Both kinds of data were fed into an IBM 360/50 for evaluation which showed the assumptions of fluid mechanics made since the mid-19th century have erred on the low side."

Efforts now are aimed at developing a computer program to predict movement based on a few wind and wave measurements.

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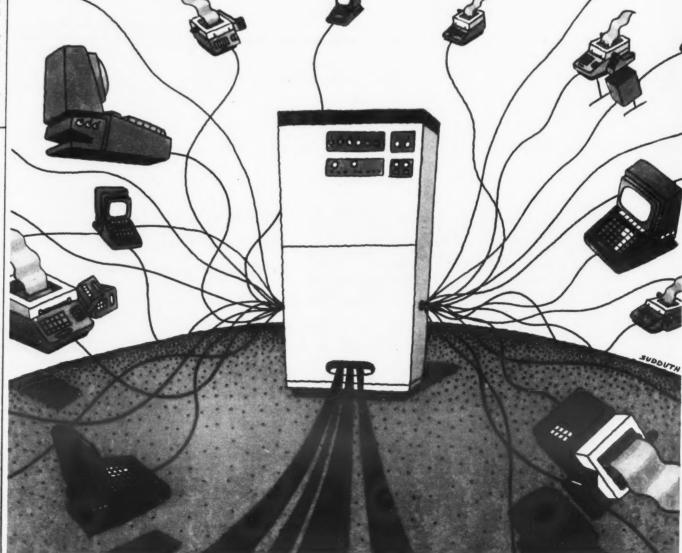
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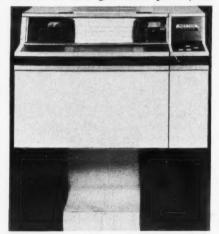
## Independents Set Sights: 1403 Printer Is the Target

By Ronald A. Frank

Of the CW Staff When users consider independent peripherals as IBM replacements, they invariably think of tape drives, disk units, even card equipment — but not printers.

For years the 1403 chain printer has been a bread-and-butter item. The Model 1 was first used with the 1401 CPU and while no longer available, IBM has rehashed the 1403 in no less than six other models plus the souped-up N1. But with all the variations, it is still the same 1403.

But times are changing. IBM is about to deliver its new generation printer, the



The Potter 3403 printer replaces the IBM 1403 and will be delivered later this year.

3211, and the independents are coming out with replacements for the illustrious

Why has it taken so long to upgrade the 1403? IBM doesn't comment on this, but the independents say they have held off until their replacements could match the 1403's reliability.

The technology to produce a printer is very demanding," says Mike Murphy. director of sales at Telex. And industry experts agree. "Whenever you have an electromechanical system with that many moving parts, you generate friction, and all kinds of things can go wrong," says

Telex first delivered its 5403 "functional replacement" for the 1403 last fall. The company is careful to avoid the well-worn "plug-compatible" description for several reasons.

The 5403 is really a subsystem. The user gets a controller, up to three printers and many extras that add up to some real improvements over the IBM printer.

The Telex printer operates either offline or on-line depending on the job, and either mode of operation is switch-selectable on the controller. The IBM 1403 has long operated only on-line. Then last August, just about the time Telex came out with the 5403, IBM introduced a new RPQ (Request for Price Quotation) feature. And the 1403 had acquired an off-line capability.

But the IBM feature, designated 2927, gave the 1403 user a dedicated off-line operation. If the user decided to go offline, he stayed off-line, at least with that printer.

The Telex system has other advantages. The user has a 288-character printing set compared with the 240 characters in the 1403. Also, the 5403 runs at 1,200 line/ min while the IBM printer operates at 1,100 line/min. But while the extras are there, the cost savings are less than the 15% to 20% users have come to expect from independent peripherals. The user can cut costs "in the vicinity of 10%," according to Murphy.

One early user of the Telex printer system is Sunset House in Los Angeles. "We save a lot on speed because this system is about 15% faster," says J.P. Dunlevy, manager of computer opera-

The mail order firm prints "about a 100 million labels per year," Dunlevy says, and he is seriously considering the addition of the on-line/off-line switch to his system. "We are getting a second Telex printer soon and if we add the off-line capability we will probably be able to free up one partition on our 360."

The 5403 has been in operation for about five months and despite some initial start-up problems, the print quality is "just as good" as the 1403, Dunlevy notes. There were some problems in keeping the print train clean but that has now been solved, he adds.

Potter Instrument is planning to deliver its 1403 equivalent system in the third quarter of this year, according to Vince Jones, manager of product marketing. Designated the LP 3403, the printer will operate at about 1,500 line/min. On a two-year lease, the Potter system will cost

## Output Techniques, Part II

The new IBM 3211 printer, at left (front), operates with the 370s and "most" 360s. The two printers to the right of it are the earlier 1403 model. The Telex 5403 printing subsystem, below, costs less than the 1403 and has more features. It can operate on-line to a 360 or off-line from a print tape.



## Independent Replacement

about \$1,150/mo compared with an IBM price of \$1,550/mo for the N1 system. While the LP 3403 will outperform the N1 in speed, it will not match the online/off-line capability of the Telex system.

"We expect to market this product mainly as a stand-alone off-line system," Jones says. "The LP 3403 will be able to utilize three tape drives in with three printers out. This will enable the user to simultaneously print out in three different formats," Jones feels.
The IBM 3211 operates at 2,000 line/

min with a 48-character train repeated in nine arrays. It can run with the 370s and 'most" 360s, according to the company. But a user who wants the high-speed unit will have to pay \$2,800/mo with the normal IBM rental arrangement.

While there have been few rumbles from (Continued on Page 9)

## **Non-Impact Printers Gaining**

Although they have been adapted in specialized applications, non-impact printers have been slow to gain widespread acceptance by users. These types included only about 1.2% of the printers installed by users in 1971, according to Creative Strategies Inc.

Two of the major non-impact types are the ink jet printer which sprays a character onto the paper and the matrix device which "assembles" a character in a dot pattern similar to a CRT display. A third type is the electrostatic printer which requires specially coated dielectric paper that allows a character to be 'burned" into the surface.

"Paper costs have been a problem with the electrostatic printers," according to Dave Beaber of Arthur D. Little. "It still costs from two to four cents per page for this type of printing," he estimates.

With the ink jet printer there was a problem at first with clogging of jets and similar operating faults, but they are now more reliable, according to Creative

The largest growing type of non-impact printer is the "hard-copy" devices that operate with CRTs, Creative Strategies estimates. These devices reproduce a CRT image on various size sheets, using different techniques to reproduce the screen

The main problem with the ink jet units is that the user is limited to one copy unless he duplicates his printing cycle, one observer says. But the printers seem to have their place where noise or the lack of it, is important. And ink jet printers are being used at sites such as hospitals, according to one source.

The matrix printer is catching on in certain applications. Centronics Corp. has been supplying matrix printers for about a year to more than 1,000 sites, according to a company source. The firm has a model which prints 5 by 7 or 9

by 7 dot alphanumerics.
"The users of minicomputers are going to business-type applications where they need a printer," according to Ron Huch, Centronics vice-president. The Centronics printer interfaces with most minis, and at 165 char./sec it is one of the few units available.

"The interface is a relatively simple device. Usually you are talking about one printed circuit card," Huch says. In addition to allowing the user to operate directly on-line, the Centronics print speed is the equivalent of 1,200 bit/sec, and this makes the unit adaptable for remote printing jobs via communications lines, Huch feels.

IBM also has a matrix printer but only for limited applications. The 3215 is primarily a console printer that operates at 85 char./sec with the 370/135, 145 and 155. Characters are formed by seven vertical wires each printing a dot in four of seven possible positions. For Selectric devotees, the IBM 3210 can be used with the same systems at the standard 15 char./sec.

## Hytype I Has Few Moving Parts

## **New Print Technology Making Strides**

In both the low- and high-speed areas, new devices are challenging the established printers.

Diablo Systems Inc. recently introduced a servo-controlled printing mechanism with very few moving parts. And users may see printers based on the Diablo system, called Hytype I, before the end of this year, according to Einar Asbo, assistant director of engineering.

Significantly, the Hytype unit prints at 30 char./sec, while an IBM Selectric prints at 15 char./sec. "Even though the device prints twice as fast as the Selectric it is prived competitively," Asbo says.

Among the mechanical features of the Hytype I is its proportional spacing which

## Independents Target 1403 Replacement

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the independents about possible replacement systems for the 3211, some offer viable alternatives. "Two of our 5403 printers can give a user 400 line/min more throughput than the 3211, and it would be priced competitively," says Telex's Murphy.

The first 3211 user, according to IBM, was the marketing services division of R.L. Polk. "The installation was surprisingly quick, considering it was the first," according to Don Waddell, Polk's DP manager.

One "negative thing" with the 3211 was the "extremely expensive" price of ribbons, Waddell claims. "Within several months after the 3211 installation (last December) other ribbon manufacturers began to supply compatible ribbons," he adds. These independent ribbons cut Polk's costs by about 50%, according to Waddell. "It's the difference between an independent \$18 ribbon and one that costs \$33 from IBM," the user says. "We run a 3211 ribbon anywhere from two to six hours."

And ribbon costs can add up at Polk since the installation has nine 1403s in addition to the 3211. Compared with the earlier 1403, the new printer costs 80% more while providing a 100% increase in throughput, Waddell estimates.

Eventually, Polk plans to replace ten 1403s with about five 3211s. And would Polk look at 3211-compatible printers when they become available? "We'll consider anything. We're very price/performance conscious," Waddell adds. The entire printing operation at Polk is being handled by a 370/155.

Included with the 3211, Polk has the 150-character printing option "that gives the ability to print computer-generated letters on 8-1/2 by 11 stock, two up," Waddell claims. The most impressive 3211 feature is its quiet, he thinks. "When the cover is closed, it is a much quieter unit than the 1403."

Not all the independents are convinced the 1403 printer should be replaced. In fact, some believe its versatility should be spread around to non-IBM systems.

"Our interface will take a 1403 and adapt it with very little extra effort to almost any computer system," says Ray Lorenz, president of Spur Products Corp. in Santa Monica, Calif.

The Spur device is really a controller that can be purchased for about \$9,000, Lorenz says. "Users who want the print quality of a 1403 and are critical about the quality of their printouts can use our device instead of finding an alternative," Lorenz noted.

The first 1403 controller is scheduled to be installed in May and Lorenz says his company will also introduce other universal controllers for additional types of peripherals.

can be varied into 60 segment/in. In addition, Diablo engineers have "disconnected carriage motion and printing," according to Asbo, so that the printer spaces only after all operations are finished. "The user can print an accent mark, letter and an underline all without moving the position of the carriage," Asbo explains.

Asbo also expects the Hytype printer to be attached to minicomputers where the teletypewriter would be too slow and a line printer would be "an overkill."

The biggest opportunity for new printing development is in the "super high-speed range" of 10,000 to 30,000 line/min, according to Dave Beaber, a staff consultant of Arthur D. Little. One of the "hottest experimenters" with fast printers is Xerox, Beaber says.

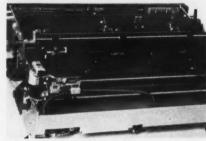
The University of Toronto is currently.

testing a "xerographic" printer that uses plain paper, according to one source. "It is an experimental printer that prints at about 15 sec/page," a spokesman at the Toronto University library Automation Systems Division says.

The printing process for the device is controlled by a special program in the library's Sigma 7 system. "Each character is programmed individually so you can print any character you wish," the spokesman says.

### Printer Forerunner

While the device now is slow, it could well be the forerunner of a new type of printer. "It's really a combination of a facsimile device and a copying machine hooked up to a CPU," a Xerox spokesman says. "Its a one-of-a-kind application that would not be economical to develop into



The Diablo Hytype I has few moving parts and may replace the IBM Selectric.

a product in its present form."

But it is known that Xerox's Rochester Technology center is actively experimenting with xerographic and other printing techniques. "Xerox Corp. is deeply interested in both xerographic and electrographic printing methods," a Xerox spokesman says.

And that's not all. "IBM is expected to

And that's not all. "IBM is expected to introduce a non-impact printer of the xerographic type," according to Creative Strategies Inc., a firm which analyzes DP trends.



## **Editorial**

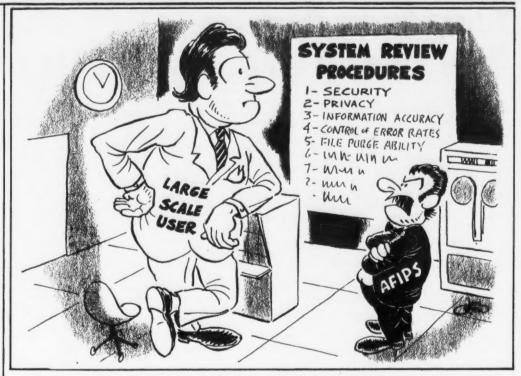
## Even Its Own Mother...

The System 360, rather than becoming obsolete, is rapidly becoming its own ancestor. Perhaps the "new" 360s will become known as the "365s."

Take the 360/30. One independent supplier now enables a user to increase his memory to 256K - four times the normal IBM maximum. And another independent provides DOS extensions that allow the user to run six partitions in the 256K - twice the IBM maximum.

At this rate, even the 360's own mother won't be able to recognize it much longer.

But the change is all for the better. No two users' needs are exactly the same, so each user should be able to "custom build" exactly the system he needs.



'If we don't do it, Uncle Sam will!'

## Letters to the Editor

## 'Meticulous Files' May Bring Blackmail

Regarding the article on Creative Research, a ghost-writing company in Ann Arbor [CW March 22], it should be pointed out that the company (and another one which operates in Ann Arbor in the same way) promises the students that they keep "meticulous files" so that no two students will get the same term paper or computer program. In fact, two students did turn in the same paper last year and were caught.

The students don't realize that these meticulous files form a most pernicious data bank, in which each entry exposes a student to possible blackmail. Also, illegal use of the student's computer identification number can

be (and has been) cause for academic discipline.

I wouldn't recommend this kind of activity either to students or potential entrepreneurs. Bernard A. Galler

Ann Arbor, Mich.

## Acpa Plans Guidelines For DP Professionals

I must commend Dick Brandon for his comments in the Viewpoint article [CW, March 22] about making programmers more professional, His guidelines for action hit so close to home that I could have sworn he's been reading Acpa bylaws and code of ethics.

Yet, from his comments I can tell he's not aware of the purpose and perhaps even the existence of the Association of Com-

puter Programmers and Analysts, which was organized over a year ago to do many of the tasks his article proposed - frighteningly verbatim!

Within a short time Acpa will submit a hefty tome of recommendations to Ansi for standardization of Position Titles in the Computing Field (the preliminary draft is being revised by its author T.D.C. Kuch, Acpa national board member and chief information technology specialist at the National Cancer Institute).

Programmer certification exams are nearly completed for the entry-level programmer - an important step in defining the knowledge required for each level of the programming and analysis professions. All these things take time, effort, people,

money and publicity!

Nelson J. Cyr Director, National Board/Acpa Los Angeles Chapter Norwalk, Calif.

## Furr Challenge Cup

The article, "Can Your DP School Meet a Challenge to Excellence," [CW, The Taylor Report, March 29], has generated a great deal of interest at our school. Our alumni association plans to sponsor a contest to compile an entry for the Furr Challenge Cup Contest.

We would like permission to reprint the article in our alumni association magazine along with the announcement of our own contest.

> Bonnie Johnson Vice-President

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## Age of the 'Cybernaut'

In answer to your letter, the word "cybernaut" was coined by me some time ago. It was prompted by the use of the word "cybernetics" which has to do with the study of control processes and has been lately exploited by various hardware companies.

I have been associated with DP since Gen O (1957) and have progressed across Gen 1 (IBM

703), Gen 2 (RCA 501, 301 H-200), Gen 3 (360-30/40 Spectra 70) and may even dabble into Gen 4. So you might agree that cybernetics has been my entire professional career.

Now, if one who sails or glides on water is an aquanaut, and one who sails or glides into space is an astronaut, and one who sailed with the mythical Jason in search of the Golden Fleece was an argonaut, why can't we DP professionals who have sailed along through system after system qualify as "cybernauts"?

**Ted Hunter** Cybernaut

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## Portland, Me. 'Quadruple' Capacity

The article entitled "Fourplex May Be CDC Method to Compete With IBM 3330 Sales" [CW, March 29] suggested that providing capacities and cost/byte equal to that provided by the IBM 3330, using a standard 2316 type disk pack, was unannounced by any vendor and only in development.

Your readers should be aware that Burroughs announced the B9484-4/B9485-4/B9486-4 Dual Disk Pack Drive Memory Systems on Oct. 20, 1971. These dual drives, at a spindle capacity of 60.5 million bytes, are superior in price/performance to the IBM 3330 and are based on a proven technology - the 2316 type pack. This "quadruple" recording capacity is achieved by utilizing double track densities at 200 track/in. and double recording density at 4,400 bit/in.

This technology will allow Burroughs to begin deliveries of the B9484-4/B9485-4/B9486-4 dual drives in January 1973.

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## Interaction a Must for Professionals

By Don Smith

Special to Computerworld

Dick Brandon recently said that to make programmers more professional and to give them a more meaningful career path one should clearly separate them from systems per se and create a highly structured programming function [CW, March 22]. This would presumably be better for the programmers and the projects.

The individual can then see himself progressing from trainee to super programmer over the next 40 years and the user can see his project proceed nicely down the Pert chart as the facts are gathered, functions designed, documentation written, programs written, etc.

This methodology has been with us awhile and I'm not aware of many spectacular successes. Theoretically, this was possible when we were designing systems to move paper and replace

But the challenge of the '70s is to design manmachine decision systems with flexible menus allowing decision-makers to interact with the system dynamically, varying its processing scenario as facts and questions change.

Furthermore, we must work with the problems of IMS and TSO (or their equally unstable equivalents), specialized terminals, response times, front end minis and the never-ending changes in the

Therefore, it is not a myth but a fact that the analyst had better know plenty about programming, PCB generation, multi-tasking, access methods and machine utilization.

Also, he'd better be able to write terrific documentation but understand that it won't be the principal means of communication between the two functions or the principal means of getting the job done; he himself will be the means.

Actually, strong interfaces have given way to the

## Viewpoint

idea of interaction. Why? For one reason, it is not possible to do any of the eight tasks listed by Brandon to the level of completeness he implies is necessary; and also, because we have realized you can do your job, I can do mine, we can have beautiful documentation but we won't necessarily have an efficient system for the user or for the installation manager.

A dedicated project team, using the top-down method and comprised of analysts, programmers systems programmers and users can create such a

Finally, you cannot make a professional by creating paper mills, rules and superstructures, since a person's relationship with his job is an individual thing. You can hire professionals, you can improve some skills and you can create an environment that will allow him to do the work he is capable of doing.

Smith is senior manager, systems and programming, for the Central National Bank, Chicago.

## Tape Flaws Come in Big Packages, Not Small Ones

Tape flaws, the SCDP Technical Committee has found, occur in large-size chunks rather than in small ones! Or, at

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any rate, they occur more in the range of one thousandth of an inch in size down to half that, rather than in the range from four ten-thousandths of an inch to one ten-thousandth.

This finding is important because it means fewer additional errors will happen as tape users move from 1,600

bit/in. densities to 3,200 bit/in. densities, even though many additional errors were involved when they moved up to 1,600 bit/in. from 556 or 800 char./in.

It is important because it means the bad tape quality which currently exists in many 1,600 bit/in. tape libraries, far from



While the reliability of the 3,200 bit/in. tape was being checked, the development team ran other tests to show the usefulness of the new capability. Dick Laatt uses an 18 in. ruler to show Alan Taylor and Jesse Aweida, STC president, that a 65K record at the new density (at right) took only 20 inches of tape, while it had previously taken over 40 inches.

holding people back from moving to higher densities, is encouraging them to move up. Not only do they get the incidental advantages of high speed, but they also get more reliable operations as the number of errors per million characters declines.

## Manufacturers Blamed

The test that revealed this came on the same day the previous SCDP Technical Committee report on the bad quality of tapes was published [CW, The Taylor Report, March 29]. At that time, Don Collins, committee chairman, blamed tape drive manufacturers for failing to

provide test facilities at the installation site. He said if they had done so, then the tape users would have seen that the tape quality was maintained.

When the article was published, one tape drive manufacturer, Storage Technology Corp. (STC), was just announcing a double-density tape drive capable of handling 3,200 bit/in. At the time of the announcement, I was expecting an increase in error rate, which I was checking to see whether new tapes would be necessary. Memories of the conversion problems of 556 char./in. to 800 bit/in. to 1,600 bit/in. were clear.

### Frence Decrease

The figures STC produced, however, indicated no great increase, and in many cases an actual decrease in the error rate when viewed as errors per 100 million characters read!

As a result, Dick Laatt and John Vickers of STC designed a set of tests especially for the SCDP Technical Committee to check out what was really happening — whether, in fact, the reliability in reading was going up with the increased density.



Jesse Aweida holds the first 3330 disk pack (capacity 100 million bytes) which had been dumped onto a single reel of 3,200 bit/in. tape.

Apparently, the new errors aren't sufficient to outweigh the advantages of getting the information on half the amount of tape needed before.

So, bad tape or poor quality tape reads better on higher density drives! It doesn't appear there is going to be a conversion problem in going to 3,200 bit/in., and that is important.

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## Some Definitions for Tape Use

CPI — characters per inch. This measurement of the number of characters of information per inch of tape is particularly useful to help a user compare the storage capacity of various tapes when some tapes have more than one character (generally about one-and-a-third) across the width of the tape. The word "character" became ambiguous with the introduction of the 8-bit byte, which could represent one alphabetical character or two numerics.

BPI — (1) originally, bits per inch. This measurement of how close one bit is recorded to the next is particularly useful to help a user compare the recording capabilities of two types of magnetic tape. When the byte as a unit of information was introduced, bpi became ambiguous, and could only be interpreted from its context.

(2) bytes per inch, since 1964. This measurement of the number of 8-bit bytes of information per inch of tape is used particularly to differentiate between the various recording densities used by 360-compatible tape systems, such as 200, 556, 800, 1,600 and now 3,200.

FCPI — flux changes per inch. This is a measurement of the number of actual changes between north/south, and south/north orientation which occur per inch of tape. It measures how close such changes lie on the magnetized oxide surface. In phase encoding, two flux changes are used to store a single bit of information, so that for this type of coding, used by IBM and other systems for 1,600 bit/in. and 3,200 bit/in. work, the number of flux changes is double the number of bit/in.

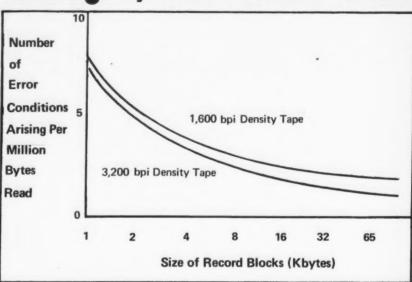


Figure 1. The additional reliability apparently available as a result of doubling the recording density on magnetic tape is shown in the above curves. The upper line represents the number of error occurrences per million bytes read at 1,600 bit/in. This is seen to be up to 10% higher than the equivalent error rate per 3,200 bit/in. read tapes shown on the lower curve, irrespective of block size involved.

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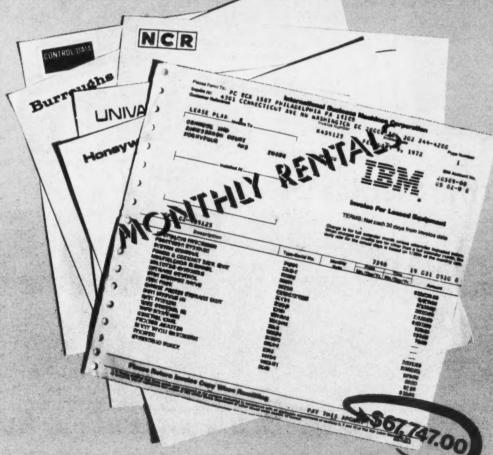
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## Random Notes

## TLM Sort/Merge for PDP-11 Handles Variable Records

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - A new version of the Sort/Merge program for DEC PDP-11 users, available from TLM Systems Associates, includes support for industry-compatible magnetic tape drives, accommodation of variable-length input records and the availability of user exits in both the input and merge phases of the sort.

The package will handle records of 1,024 words in length, and can use 16 sort keys. Sorting can be of ascending or descending sequence and the package works with five data types. The firm is at Two Smith St., 01880.

### McDonnell Douglas Adds Payroll On Remote Processing Basis

ST. LOUIS - Clients of McDonnell Douglas Automation can have payroll checks and related reports printed at their terminal locations less than 24 hours after they submit input to the system, under a new service offering.

Reports generated each time a payroll is processed include earnings statements, payroll register, check register, employee's deductions and a labor distribution report. Quarterly and annual governmental reports are also generated on a timely basis, the company said.

## **GE Alters Pricing Schedules**

BETHESDA, Md. - New pricing options on the GE Mark II time-sharing service, in effect April 1, include reduction in storage costs and a 40% to 60% reduction in charges for deferred processing. The most significant change, spokesmen said, allows the business user with large data bases to elect lowered storage prices in exchange for "slightly increased" computational prices.

## 'IMS/Culprit' Enhanced

BOSTON - The IMS/Culprit system, by which Cullinane Corp.'s Culprit serves as a report language for IMS/360, has been enhanced through the addition of a "user exit" at extract time. This facilitates table lookups, file matching and file updating, Cullinane explained. It also allows the Culprit user to take advantage of IMS calls such as Get Unique, and to access non-IMS files during an IMS run, the firm said.

The IMS/Culprit package costs \$20,000 for a three-year lease. Cullinane is at One Boston Place, 02108.

## **Uses ANS Subset**

## Cobol Interpreter Available for 3/10

Of the CW Staff

WEST BEND, Wis. - IBM System 3 Model 10 users with minimum core and a Multifunction Card Unit (MFCU) can program in Cobol with the Simplified Interpretive Cobol Operating System (Siclops) from General Systems Services.

A load-and-go translator/executive that supports a subset of ANS Cobol, Siclops takes 4K of core at the beginning of the processing. As the user's source code is read, it is converted to a pseudo-object code image directly in core.

Some parts of Siclops are overlaid as the

object code is generated. Ultimately, the user program and work areas may occupy as much as 6K bytes of memory in a minimum configuration, a spokesman noted.

The techniques used in Siclops were developed, the company said, as part of a comparable Cobol interpreter implemented on an IBM 360/20.

The pseudo-object code is said to be more conservative of core than conventional machine-language object code. Although execution is slower than with normal object code, the difference is transparent to the user.

Siclops were chosen specifically because they are common to many ANS Cobol compilers. Siclops programs can be compiled and run, with very little modification, on many CPUs.

All basic data definitions, file descriptions, arithmetic, logic, I/O and control statements are available to the Siclops user. The system allows the use of multiple moves, subscripting, and special editing routines, the spokesman claimed.

The system can be run in either debug or run mode. In the former, extensive diagnostics, program tracing and data area contents can be displayed on the printer. These development aids are bypassed and execution is optimized in run mode, the company said.

Siclops requires a 5203 or 1403 printer and a 5424 multifunction card unit (for System 3's 96-column cards) attached to an 8K Model 10.

Siclops can be purchased for \$1,200, the equivalent of "one-year's monthly lease payments for IBM's Cobol compiler for the System 3, scheduled later this year.

General Systems Services can be contacted through P.O. Box 561, 53095.

## 'Host' CPU, One or More S/7s To Be Linked by IBM Software

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. - IBM has two new program products with which engineers with little DP experience can program an IBM System 7 to monitor and control production equipment.

The Application Program Generator (APG/7) uses a 360 or 370 to generate application-oriented questionnaires, and to convert the engineer's answers to the questions into programs for the IBM 7. APG/7 provides a subset of PL/1 for engineers who must code complex calculations and specialized operations.

The second product, System/370 Distributed System Program (DSP), provides a means of transmitting the completed application program from the 360 or 370 "host" to the System 7 for execution. This program thus links the capabilities of the host with those of one or more IBM 7s to form a single system.

The new products are scheduled for availability in the first quarter of 1973. APG/7 is expected to use 131K bytes of core under OS or 65K bytes under DOS. If the PL/1 subset is used, program execution on the S/7 will require 6K bytes, a spokesman said.

System/370 DSP will be available free. APG/7 will be available under license for \$150 for either DOS or OS.

## Module Clears Program Checks

SHERMAN OAKS, Calif. - Execution of the cross-reference listing option on the bundled ANS Cobol compilers distributed with IBM's operating systems is optimized with the BCCXREF software package from Boothe Management Sys-

Thus, users previously familiar with the option will get through the compilation process faster than before, and users who

felt they did not have the time to get the cross-reference may reconsider their deci-

The product is said to cut by 50% the time required to produce the cross-reference list. The unoptimized XREF routine often took twice as long as the compilation of the program itself, according to a Boothe source. Users were faced with a choice of that much overhead versus the value of the cross-reference list for debugging and documentation.

## **List Production Eased**

NEW YORK - A Program Check Debug Module, available for \$20/mo from Data Access Inc., may reduce development time of Cobol or Assembler language programs by as much as 40%.

During program debugging, the module supersedes the IBM Supervisor as a program check occurs. It inspects the old PSW (program status word), determines the type of program check and proceeds with appropriate action to allow the test to continue.

"Appropriate action" might include zero-filling blank numeric fields or generating a sign for an unsigned field used in arithmetic operations.

This module appears to differ from others with similar capabilities because it includes three exits through which the user can reach his own coding.

In addition, a production version of the module is also available. This takes the same types of actions as the debugging version, but records the actions on a disk or tape file so as not to spoil any special forms or reports in the printer.

The module is cataloged in the relocatable library and link-edited at object time. As an alternative to the monthly lease cost of \$20, it may be purchased for \$900 from Data Access at 1123 Broad-

## **Transient Routine**

Boothe's package is a transient routine which affects two modules within IBM's free ANS Cobol compilers. References to these modules would render the BCCXREF useless with any other compiler, the spokesman noted.

The reduction in CPU usage, with the corresponding drop in elapsed time for each compilation, is said to be particularly evident in the multiprogramming mode as it increases overall availability of system resources for production work.

Boothe offers the BCCXREF enhancement package to either DOS or OS/360 users for a one-time charge of \$250/CPU. Boothe Management Systems is at 15432 Ventura Blvd., 91403.

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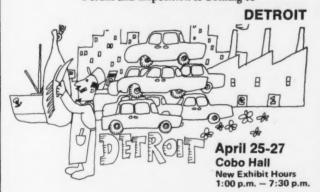
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## Card Entries, Disk Changes, Reports Prepared Through 'Argus' Parameters

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – IBM DOS users can increase their capabilities with the Automatic Report Generator and Utilities System (Argus) package from Vincent K. Lynxwiler. In addition to easing preparation of printed output, Argus also supports operations using card and disk files.

The system is parameter-driven and requires no compilations or assemblies prior to use. Either Isam or sequential disk files may be used as input to the report generation capability, Lynxwiler said.

Argus can also be used to edit card files against details carried in the parameter cards or in the user's disk file. This lets users check valid transaction codes; good account numbers; acceptable data types, by field; and transaction amounts within specified limits.

The system can reorganize Isam files, eliminating unwanted records and shifting overflow records back into the primary storage areas as space becomes available. Isam files can also be created with new extents, according to Lynxwiler.

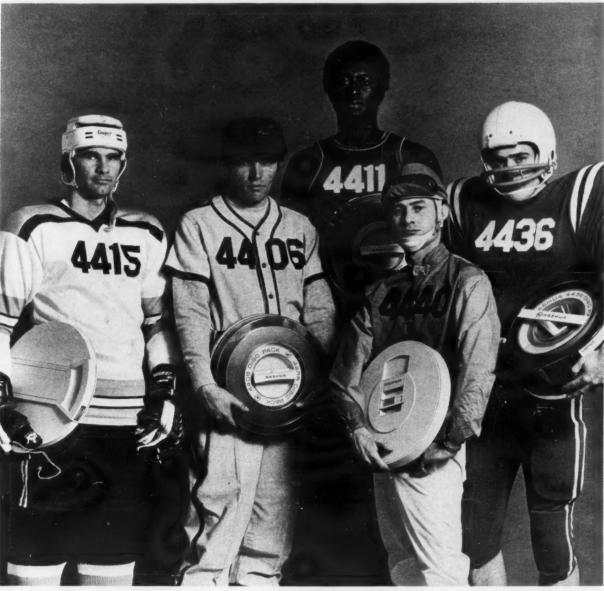
Sequential disk files are created from Isam files, or vice versa, under control of Argus parameters. Subsets of either type file can also be created for use as test data, he added.

In generating reports under Argus, the user can define as many as six heading lines and eight detail lines. Totals and subtotals, or totals only, are system options, along with record and field selection, editing and forms control capabilities.

Argus operates as a DOS job and requires no operator intervention if parameters are entered correctly. Error messages are printed in coded form, and explanations are in the user manual. A UPSI card option, however, allows the system to generate the explanation on the printer, Lynxwiler noted.

The system is written in BAL and uses between 12K and 22K of core, depending on maximum record sizes in the user files. All card readers and printers are supported, along with the 2311, 2314 and 2319 disk drives.

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## Scert 70 Simulator Uses Job Profiles Generated by CPU

ROCKVILLE, Md. – Computer-generated performance profiles of existing applications workloads replace manually prepared system definitions for users of Scert 70, the latest version of the Comress computer performance simulator.

The performance profiles used by Scert 70 are created from the output of a hardware monitor and operating system accounting data, brought together by a new subsystem, Dynascert.

Elapsed clock time, as well as CPU time – for both problem and supervisor states and amount of memory used – are among the factors considered. These also include the number of I/O initiated, and the partitions and devices in use.

To generate these profiles, Scert 70 uses either Comress's Dynaprobe 7900 Computer Performance Monitor or Dynaprobe 416 hardware monitor, and version 1 of the Dynascert data consolidation system.

Dynascert, in turn, requires IBM's System Measurement Function (SMF) feature of OS. Thus, Scert 70 is now limited to IBM 360 or 370 installations, Comress acknowledged from Two Research Court, 20850

## DOS Functions Eased By Modules From BDS

NEW YORK – Two packages from Boothe Data Systems Inc. (BDS) let DOS/360 users optimize certain system functions. Execution time of the DOS Setl function, for example, is cut 60%, the company said, with its Coresetl package which allows the function to be coreresident.

Users with programs doing frequent overlays, especially teleprocessing programs that use the Load macro to bring in transient phases, are said to cut DOS Load and Fetch time for foreground programming phases by 80%, using Fast-Load, the other package.

The Coresetl package includes a module with the same name added to the relocatable library, and a replacement for the IBM-supplied Setl macro in the source library.

Fast-Load supports 2314, 2319 and 2311 disks and will increase user program sizes by 304 to 326 bytes for the loader, and from 10 to 17 bytes for each loading phase, according to the company.

Speed is gained by reading full tracks, including as many as four 1,688-byte phase blocks, rather than one phase block at a time, from the disk library.

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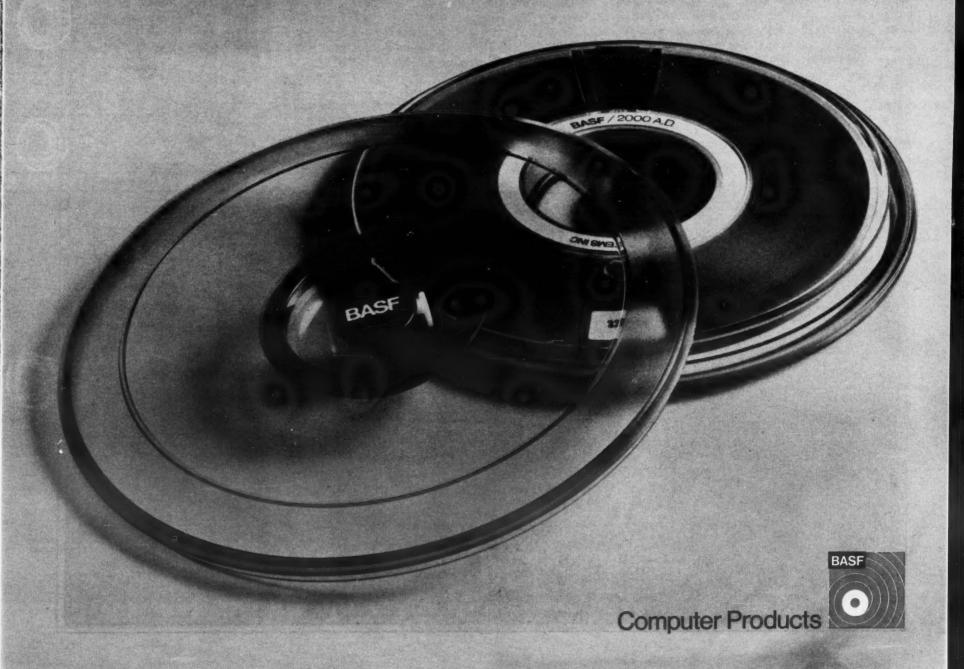
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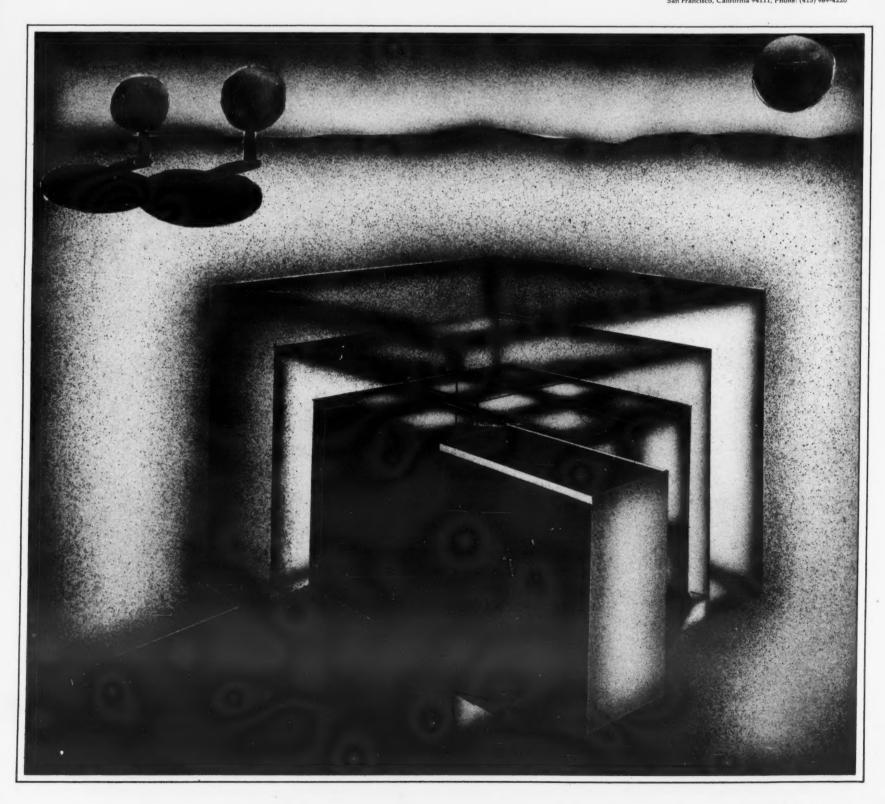
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## System Connects Devices To Lines Automatically

LIVINGSTON, N.J. – The Automatic Telephone Line Connect System (Atlc) from G-V Controls provides connection of subscriber equipment to remote sites.

The central control unit will seize a telephone line upon com-

central unit, receives the verification tone and then transfers the line to devices at both ends. If central control units are used at both ends, complete calling and answering at both ends are provided, the company explained.

### **Multiple Modules**

Several remote stations may be handled from a single central station by adding multiple address modules. A configuration to automatically poll each remote station in sequence is also available. Another version includes a remote station which will refuse the call if no data is to be transferred.

System prices start at \$500. Single units can be delivered in 60 days from 101 Okner Parkway, 07039.

## Communications

mand, dial a preprogrammed telephone number, transmit and receive handshake verification tones, transmit the line to the subscriber's device and automatically disconnect at the end of transmission.

The remote control unit answers the telephone line ringing, transmits handshake tones to the

## Vadic 16-Channel Data Station Monitors Communications Network

PALO ALTO, Calif. - A 16-channel data station for computer sites will monitor telecommunications network operations.

Vadic Corp.'s VA1616 uses front-panel displays and diagnostics to give site supervisors and operators a clear picture of the network.

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A VA1616 with sixteen 103-type modems costs \$3,840, about \$240/channel. Delivery is 30 days from 916 Commercial St. 94303

## DEC Adds Error Detection Option

MAYNARD, Mass. — Highspeed error detection computations for serial synchronous transmitted data are performed by a hardware option for DEC's PDP-11 minicomputer.

The KG11-A communications arithmetic option is used with one or more synchronous line interface units, and allows the PDP-11 minicomputer to be used more efficiently in IBM-compatible binary synchronous remote batch, remote concentrator and front-end preprocessor applications.

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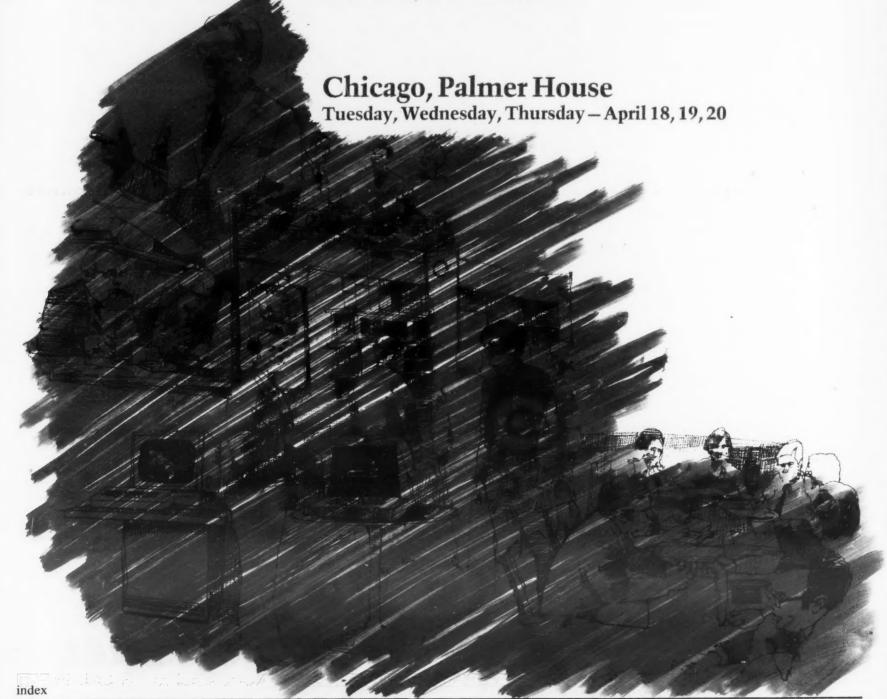
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# Computer Users' Forum & Exposition Guide



## **Chance for Betterment**

## Computer Users Visited by 'Total Conference'

By Edward J. Bride

The total conference for computer users is here!

This first Computer Users' Forum and Exposition has brought together the efforts of EDP managers and practicing professionals to help each other find answers to the problems of the day.

Throughout the exhibit hall and during the forum, the latest technical and management ideas will be probed by experienced users trying to improve the efficiency of their individual operations.

Each morning, a national keynote speaker will review the state-of-theart, and call users to action in one particular area. The speaker sets the stage for the panel discussion and ensuing workshops.

A dozen management-level users in each city will participate in the panel discussions, four each day. Each day is devoted to a single topic: data entry, communications, and operational efficiency. Each panelist then conducts a workshop, with technical assistance from his own computer installation where appropriate.

The keynote speaker than returns during the luncheon, and summarizes the progress made and knowledge attained by the attendees. After lunch the exhibit hall opens.

Users viewing the equipment exhibits will have a special opportunity to have direct contact with sales representatives and technical experts, without the "emergency" atmosphere that often pervades conversations in the computer room.

In the exhibit hall, users can leisurely "shop" from vendor to vendor, learning of new concepts and equipment — without the pressure of a sales meeting.

Exhibitors know that the effectiveness of most national computer conferences and exhibitions has decreased over the past few years, partly because users are hard-pressed to find travel funds or take time

off to go to conventions. For the exhibitor, the costs are often huge, and the results miniscule. Engineers come to talk to each other and evaluate the competition, all-too-often ignoring the user.

But exhibitors also know that the "payoff end in the computer industry" is the end user, says Patrick J. McGovern, *Computerworld* publisher. He is "neglected and lost in the shuffle" in many larger shows, McGovern believes. While there are some regional, specialized shows, they are bothersome for both user and vendor, and are often too expensive.

The answer, of course, is a traveling show: a Computer Users' Forum and Exposition that brings the computer industry to the user. Our "caravan" will travel to nine cities with a trio of nationally-prominent speakers, a forum organizer, and, of course, the exhibits. We will present to computer users the complete range of alternatives — in equipment, software, and services — needed to solve their information processing requirements.

## Hardware, Software

If you think hardware topics dominate our panels and workshops, remember that software problems will be discussed throughout our three-day forum, not just the last day when system software is a specific topic for the "operational efficiency" panel.

Actually, the use of system software modifications and enhancements, and the implementation of commercial or in-house utility routines is just one way a user can control and improve his operational efficiency. The topics on the other two days are both aimed at the common goal on enabling users to improve their operations.

There are software aspects to data entry, particularly with the use of intelligent terminals or with direct data entry. Users with software solutions . . . and problems . . . should

plan on attending that half-day session, from the keynote speech and panel discussion, through the workshop conducted by a user most closely-aligned with the attendee's installation.

The same guiding principle can be applied to the data communications session. There may be special software considerations before "throwing out" a carrier's data communications equipment, or the gear made by a user's mainframe maker, in favor of an independent communications supplier. The user with this type of a question can best find the answer in the workshop conducted by the panelist who has used the same *type* of source for communications equipment.

Likewise, with the transmission

topic. There are applications which are suited to leased-line data transmission more than dial-up usage. Whether the availability of a line, its quality, or the speed of data transmission is the criterion, users can find their hardware, software, or management problems discussed more fully, and can participate more actively, by attending sessions with their "counterparts" from other using organizations.

One of the more exciting panels should be on the last day, when users talk of hardware and software considerations involved in being "innovative." The international background of the speakers and the diversity of subjects will make the final day an especially rewarding experience for attendees.

## Speech Synopses Indicate Users Study Top DP Issues

Day One: Data Entry

Lawrence Feidelman says data entry is a system, but many users are presently using first generation data entry techniques for third – or even fourth – generation computer systems.

In his opening day keynote address, he says data entry must be considered as a system because it involves much more than equipment selection. There are personnel considerations, data preparation procedures, forms design, equipment, communications, and computer interface. Data entry, then, must be considered from the point at which data is generated, the source, until it is input into the computer in machine encoded form.

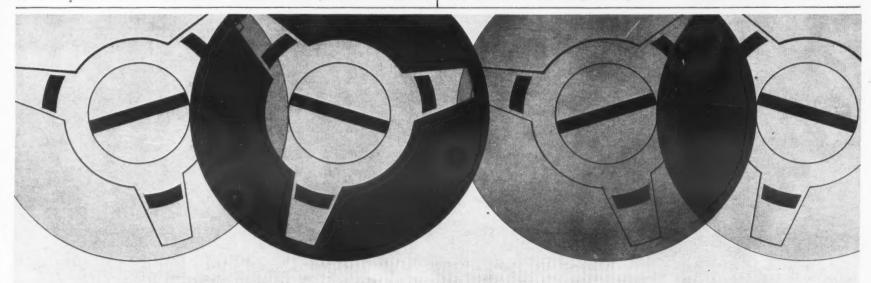
Mr. Feidelman is President of Management Information Corp., Cherry Hill, New Jersey. He recently edited one of the most authoritative books on his assigned topic: Data Entry Today.

From a systems viewpoint, the keypunch provides a very slow means for data entry, he says. The rigid format is costly, especially when used in multi-keypunch installations, he notes. The keypunch is kept alive by users: ingrained usage of the unit-record concept, ease of data insertion, and personal psychological (resistance to change) reasons are cited in his speech.

There are four variations to keypunch replacement: the stand alone unit, central collection, shared processor, and optical character recognition. The data entry panel separates these topics a little differently, but the concepts will all be discussed, during the speeches, panels, and/or workshops.

## Revolutionary Approach

Source Data Automation represents a more revolutionary approach, he noted. with the object (Continued on Page S/4)



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## **Keynote Speech Summaries**

(Continued from Page S/2) being to capture data at the source or point of generation, eliminating all unnecessary re-transcriptions. The man/machine interface therefore becomes "the critical factor" he notes, whether this involves key entry or automatic readers.

There are some defineable factors which hold users back, keeping them away from progress in what is often described as a continuing "bottleneck area."

The apparent stagnant sale terminals, comprise the

state of data entry in some users' sites stems from lack of full understanding of new techniques, a resistance to change, a failure of salesmen to emphasize systems concept (rather than just a new piece of equipment), and other factors such as business conditions. The role of data entry technology in the 70s is just one volatile topic of this speech.

The trends of the 70s, including predictions on the use of OCR and point-of-sale terminals comprise the

last few minutes of this delivery, providing the transition to our panel discussion. The panel discussion begins immediately after the speech, so as to avoid a phenomenon akin to the title of the speech itself: "The Generation Gap Between Data Entry and Data Processing."

## Day Two: Data Communications

**Dr. Dixon Doll** says that one of the major problems for communications-oriented computer users is uncertainty in the regulatory environment, especially re-

garding interconnect and competition among the carriers.

As the second-day keynote speaker in the forum, he lists other problems as both man-caused and technically-abetted. The nonintegrated treatment of computer, data processing, and data communications by users and carriers can create problems for communications users, as can the same lack of consistency in solving voice and data communications difficulties.

There is no "full spectrum of alternatives" from car-

riers, he states in his speech, indicating that users may have to change carriers just to take advantage of different solutions to the same problem. The unreliable nature of some existing carrier facilities is a problem to everyday telephone users, but is a special business difficulty for computer users.

In his survey of the current computer communcations scene, Dr. Doll, a consultant and Eastern Michigan University educator, discusses common carriers, computer vendors, independent suppliers of equipment, specialized (microwave) carriers, regulatory climate and – especially – users.

In summarizing the types of user networks and typical application requirements, he evaluates distributed/centralized networks, urgency of transactions, user requirements in response time, geographical distribution of terminals, and privately-owned/carrier provided links.

## "Building Blocks"

Part of every communications system is the equipment, so part of the communications keynote speech is a description of the building blocks used to obtain cost-effective systems. As communications specialists realize - but managers often do not - these building blocks include terminals and modems, multiplexors and concentrators, front end processors, special software, data links, error control devices and techniques, and diagnostics.

With special emphasis on managers, Dr. Doll discusses design alternatives, and the importance of open-mindedness when evaluating the choices. Coping with vested interests of equipment vendors and carriers will be one stumbling block to effective choices, he relates.

Dr. Doll concludes his speech with some hard-headed predictions of what to expect in the area of interconnect rules (will they really be relaxed?), the changes in AT&T's tariff approach, a potentially increased spectrum of service offerings, the centralization of application processing, distribution of communication control functions, and message switching systems.

Enhanced cost control and improved efficiency will be the focal point of the computer-controlled line and (Continued on Page S/5)



(Continued from Page S/4) message-switching portion of the speech.

## Day Three: Operational Efficiency

Charles Lecht, president of Advanced Computer Techniques Corp., New York, says very little work has been done to provide users with a "unified theory" of increasing systems throughput. Lecht is the keynote speaker on the third day of the conference, and his Operational Efficiency speech is entitled "Throughput Revisited."

In his speech, he maintains that the environmental mix of hardware, software, people, and business procedures has been a bit much to cope with, when considered a topic for a throughput study. Indeed, the promise of throughput theory becomes increasingly remote as hardware, software, and personnel environments become increasingly sophisticated, he says.

After looking at the state of the art today, particularly from a user's viewpoint, Lecht asks some pointed questions of his audiences, one which may provide stimulated discussion: Is it true that systems being supplied to the user today justly deserve representation as being advanced, highly sophisticated and very powerful if these same systems have served to decay throughput predictability?

He suggests our admiration for today's engineering sophistication of computer systems has masked the fact that, as this sophistication has increased, it carried along in its genes even more sophisticated growth stages of "the seed of throughput unpredictability" initially sown by engineers "whose technological preoccupations far exceeded" their interest in the end use of their inventions . . . the "why' and "what for."

## "Apologize"

Could it be that we owe an apology to these engineers, because we just haven't really worked hard enough to solve the problems of throughput predictability?

In addressing this possibility, Lecht said users must



consider hardware, software, personnel, and procedural sub-environments, as well as the symbiotic unions.

With a flair for public speaking, which is familiar to many computer society members, Lecht reminds users that coexisting with our quest for operational efficiencies and throughput predictabilities must be our dedication to the principle that "human engineering" is preferable to the "engineering of humans."

### DAILY SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m.: Registration

9:00 a.m.: Welcome, keynote address 9:40 a.m.: Panel discussions, general questions

10:40 a.m.: Workshops, specific questions

12:15 p.m.: Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.: Exhibits open

The Computer Users' Forum and Exposition will follow the same schedule in each of the nine cities.

### **TOPICS**

First Day: Data Entry (keypunch replacement, OCR, intelligent terminals, direct data entry).

Second Day: Communications (equipment sources: mainframe makers, carriers, independent suppliers; transmission: private, carrier nets).

Third Day: Operational Efficiency (core extensions, software, independent peripherals, dedicated vs. general purpose systems).



## **CW Forum and Exposition**

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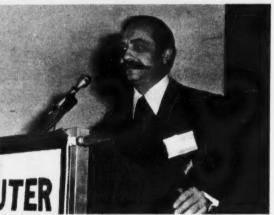
## Homework Vital to Good Data Entry UTER Charles Lecht makes a point on operational efficiency.



Lawrence Feidelman discusses data entry.



Dixon Doll answers questions on data communica-



## ... And the Machines



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Users try out Interdata's Series 70 processor.



Calcomp demonstrates its new 1040 magnetic tape system that is plug-to-plug compatible for the  $360/370\ \text{CPUs}.$ 

### COMPUTER USERS' FORUM AND EXPOSITION

Panel and Workshop Topics

## DATA ENTRY

First Day

Keypunch Replacement.

OCR.

Intelligent Terminals.

Direct Data Entry.

## **DATA COMMUNICATIONS**

Second Day

Data Communications Equipment Sources (mainframe makers and/or common carriers).

Data Communications Equipment Sources (independent suppliers).

Data Transmission by Private (leased line) Networks. Data Transmission by carrier (dial-up) networks.

### **OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY**

Third Day

Core Extensions.

System/utility Software Modifications and Enhancements.

Independent Peripherals.

Dedicated systems vs. General Purpose Computers.

The regional forums and workshops will be headed by local experts in the fields covered. A listing of leaders and panelists will be available at the Registration Desk.

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## Societies Helped, Now Gain from DP Forum

Several professional computer societies have contributed to the success of the forum by suggesting innovative users to serve as panelists and by publishing our schedules and formats in member newsletters.

Some of these societies will be exhibiting member publications in the lobby, along with "recruiting" materials. While not all societies have chapters in all cities, and while it was not possible to contact every individual chapter of every organization, the availability of these facilities was published in *Computerworld*, and was extended to societies on inquiry.

Local chapters in some cities may hold special, regular, or even "organizational" meetings in rooms provided at no expense to them. Those which have indicated an in-

Several professional computer terest in these facilities, in at least societies have contributed to the some of the nine cities, are as follows:

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Association for Systems Management

Data Processing Management Association

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Local participation, when made known to forum officials sufficiently early, is being posted in appropriate entrance areas. If there is a question about the use of facilities or plans for meetings, check with your group's information table in the lobby, or call your local/regional representative. Your presence at this forum and exposition attests to the interest of the computer community in participating in a meeting with a format tailored for you — the end user. We trust that you will find the experience a valuable one, and that our program meets your expectations.

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Several of our exhibitors have organized more detailed presentations of their problem solutions, and a schedule of their special meetings is posted in the Registration Lobby and on the exposition floor. We urge you to take advantage of their programs.

We welcome your comments on those aspects of the Computer Users' Forum and Exposition which you find beneficial, and also what you might like to see modified or improved in future events of this nature.

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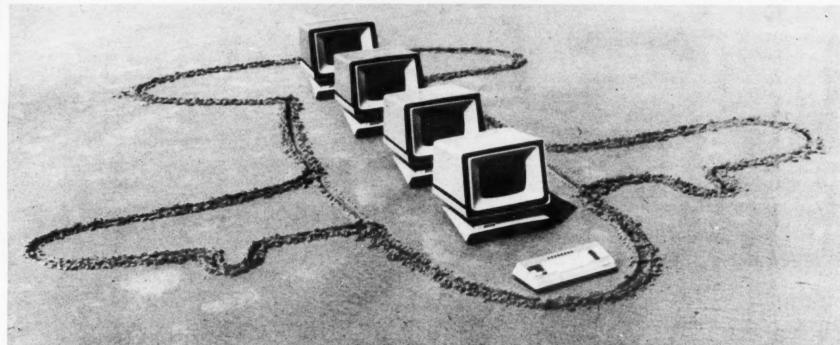
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International Communications Corporation will display a complete line of data communication products, featuring high-speed modems for data transmission over dial-up phone lines or leased data lines. The ICC display will also include data

communication test equipment and accessories. Experienced personnel will be in attendance for consultation.

I/ODisc Series One, the first compact data storage system to combine tape economy with disc performance, will be introduced by IOMEC, Inc. The system is a compact disk drive using an eight inch "Cartridisk" cartridge containing an inexpensive flexible disc with 250 K byte capacity. The compact Series One desk top console, with dual drives, measures seven inches by nineteen inches by twenty-three inches. Series One is available as a complete data storage system interfaced to most minicomputers, or as separate OEM components.

Featured at ITEL's booth are two new IBM System/370 plug-to-plug compatible products: Monolithic Main Memory and 7330 Disk Drives. The Monolithic Memory (manufactured by Advanced Memory Systems, Inc.) handles all size changes and can be leased or purchased. The 7330 Disk Drive utilizes a single spindle to store 100,000,000 bytes per drive with an average access time of 27 milliseconds. The new drives are manufactured by ITEL's Information Storage System Division.

NEW PRODUCT INTRODUC-TION: SUE, the System-User-Engineered minicomputer, features micromodularity. From a set of independent modules and peripherals SUE can be assembled in nearly endless configurations to offer maximum price/performance for the application. A wide-bandwidth common bus architecture is ideal for high-throughput applications. Highly competitive multi-unit pricing. Lockheed Data Products also announces the MM-365 replacement memory for large-scale IBM System 360 as well as several low-cost, high-speed commercial core memories. All types of complex multilayer printed circuit boards are manufactured by the company.

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Nashua Corporation of Nashua, New Hampshire displaying its complete line of disc packs and disc cartridges for computers, including computer magnetic tape.

Display to include: 4406 Disc Pack (IBM 1316 Compatible), 4411 Disc Pack (IBM 2316 Compatible), H411 Disc Pack (Honeywell 273, 274 Compatible), 4415 Disc Cartridge (IBM 2315 Compatible), 4440 Disc Cartridge (IBM 5440 Compatible), 4436 Disc Pack (IBM 3336 Compatible), Computer Tapes.

Nashua's newest disc pack, the 4436, (IBM 3336 Compatible) stores in excess of 100,000,000 Bytes of data. Don't miss seeing this disc pack!

Novar terminals and telecommunication systems, including auxiliary devices.

Sanders Data Systems, Inc. will exhibit the System 804 Stand-Alone model of Sanders' Series 800 Programmable Terminal Systems. The complete product line of peripherals, excluding disk, will be shown in operation. Two printers, (one high speed - 300 LPM and one low speed -30 CPS), a tape cassette for loading programs and retrieval and storage of data and a 300 CPM card reader for loading programs or data. One 804 will be used primarily for the demonstration of local data entry, retrieval and storage. The other 804 will demonstrate the programmability of the terminal by showing a variety of programs including data product emulation.

SYCOR, INC. 100 Phoenix Drive Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104 (313) 971-0900 Booth No.'s . . . . . . . 105-106

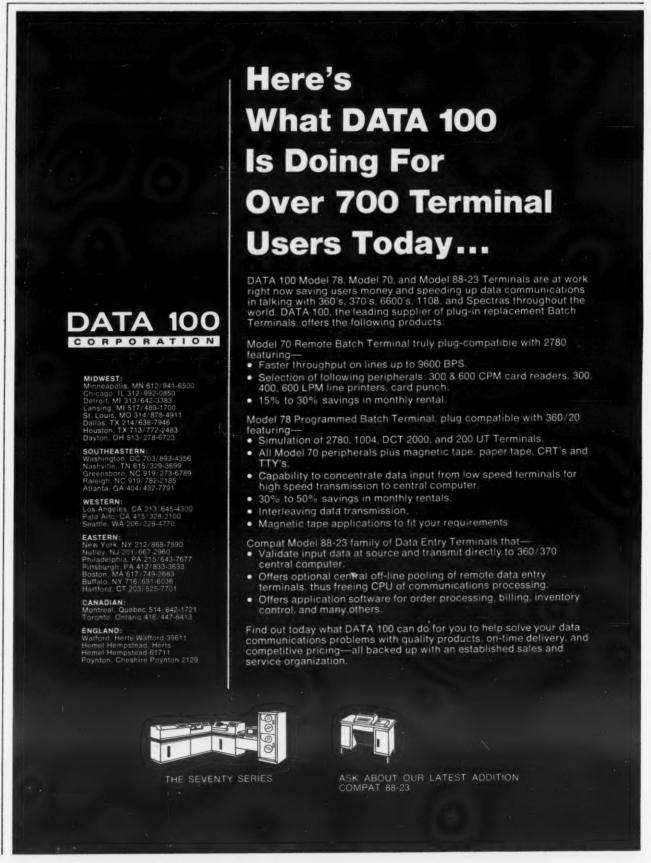
Sycor will display its System 20 - acomplete data entry and communications system for branch offices. The System 20 incorporates a Model 340 Intelligent Terminal with 12 K bytes of memory, 1,000 cps cassette recorders, 1200-2400 baud BSC communications, and a 30 cps impact printer. Sycor also will feature its System 40 - the first cassette terminal with HASP compatibility. The System 40 is composed of a Model 340 Intelligent Terminal, 12 K bytes of memory, 2,000-2,400 baud BSC communications, a 250 cpm card reader, and a 200 lpm line printer. Sycor provided software can be executed from either system.

The Tally DATASCRIBE product line on exhibit is a data preparation and batch terminal system with outstanding configuration flexibility for handling varied data volumes and application requirements. The user has a choice of peripherals for remote batch applications including punched card and paper tape, and either 600 lpm or 100 lpm output printers. The new Tally 100 lpm

impact printer on display is also available as a free-standing receiveonly terminal for remote printing in a 1200 baud network.

TECHTRAN INDUSTRIES, INC. 580 Jefferson Road Rochester, NY 14623 Tel: (716) 271-7953 Booth No . . . . . . . . . 209

4100 Communications Terminal — operator oriented Cassette data terminals featuring 110-2400 baud speeds, TTY & RS-232 Interfaces, High Speed Search, Full Remote Control, Data Edit, Switch Selectable On-line/Off-line capability and both USASC1 Coded & IBM 2741 Compatible models. Plugs into most data terminals and mini-computers.



The 4010 Computer Display Terminal and Plot-10 software opens the door for the potential user who has avoided graphic terminals because of the high cost of hardware, software development and computer overhead. The 4010 is now hardware and software compatible with over twenty timesharing systems, with IBM 360/370 systems, and a host of many computers. Price: \$3,950.00.

The 4610 Hard Copy Unit provides permanent copies of the alphanumerics and graphics displayed on the 4010-1 Computer Display Terminal. Copy medium is 3M type

777 Dry-Silver paper and copy size is 8-1/2 X 11 inches. Price: \$3,550.00

Texas Instruments personnel will display and demonstrate the new, Model 960A minicomputer — the \$2,850 price/performance leader; and the 30 character-per-second, "Silent 700\*" Electronic Data Terminals — the quiet, versatile and reliable teleprinters.

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TRENDATA COMPUTER SYSTEMS CORPORATION 585 North Pastoria Sunnyvale, CA. 94086 Tel: (408) 732-1790 Booth No. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

TRENDATA offers a complete line of equipment for data communications and source data collection up to 1200 baud. These include IBM compatible selectric typewriter terminals for 2741 or 2740-1 software environments and a set of Bell and IBM compatible modems and acoustic couplers.

A unique new terminal includes magnetic tape cassette storage with extensive off-line editing and formatting capability and high speed transmission. Other new products include a 100 lpm impact terminal and a tape "pooler" for collecting data off-line for batch entry.

VARIAN DATA MACHINES 2722 Michelson Drive Irvine, CA. 92664 (714) 833-2400 Booth No.'s . . . . . . . . . 102-103

620/f with VORTEX, Varian's real time operating system that beats far more expensive systems. FORTRAN IV compilations in background. Look into your future with Operation Aquarius in foreground. STATUS 21: prints your personal horoscope. We've tied out STATUS 21 printer/plotter on-line to the 620f with VORTEX to let you write in your name, address and birth date and get your horoscope complete with plot of your birth sign printed at 5,000 lines or 60 pages of graphics per minute.

ADAPTS: Plugged-in computer experience. ADAPTS will control experiments, handle files, process data. Loads of hook-ups; easy to change and program.

Active demonstration of Matrix 1100A & Matrix 200A Printer/Plotters showing both graphics and printing capability. The Matrix 1100A prints 132 columns of 7x9 dot matrix, upper and lower case characters at speeds up to 500 LPM. It plots with 1024 nibs on 11" wide fan-fold and roll paper. The Matrix 200A prints 80 columns at speeds up to 600 LPM and plots with 560 nibs using 8-1/2" wide fan-fold and roll paper. Also on display is a variety of controllers for Matrix products and various mini computers.

Western Union Data Services Company is a national organization, providing data communications systems and terminals as well as applications analysis and support.

The purpose of the Data Services Company is to help you solve your data handling problems by providing a source for system engineering, data terminals, nation-wide training, service and support. New products and services are being developed to assure you a continuing source of solutions for the future. On exhibit will be our new 30 C.P.S. Data Terminal and the 10 C.P.S. Exchange Data Terminal 33.



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## Meet the mind expander. Monolithic Main Memory from ITEL.

Now there's an easy, economical way to expand IBM System/360 or 370 memory: add on Monolithic Main Memory from ITEL. (The Monolithic Main Memory is manufactured to ITEL specifications by Advanced Memory Systems of Sunnyvale, California.)

This monolithic memory lets you upgrade core at a lower price than core. It's far more reliable than core. And you can maximize capacity. For example, you can expand the 360/30 to 128K, the 360/40 to 512K, the 360/50 to 1024K and the 360/65 to

2048K. For the 370, we match IBM byte for byte, and offer substantial savings in cost and space.

The secret of ITEL's superiority over IBM core is found in its basic monolithic memory module. This semiconductor chip contains 1024 bits of storage. These memory elements are fabricated in batches of thousands, which cuts costs dramatically. And most wired interconnections are eliminated, so there are far fewer potential sources of failure.

But even monolithic memory elements can sometimes fail. That's why ITEL has ECC: Error Checking and Correction. Should a memory

element fail, ECC corrects the error instantly. There is no effect on computer operations or processing. The operator is notified by an error light and maintenance can be performed without interrupting the memory's operation.

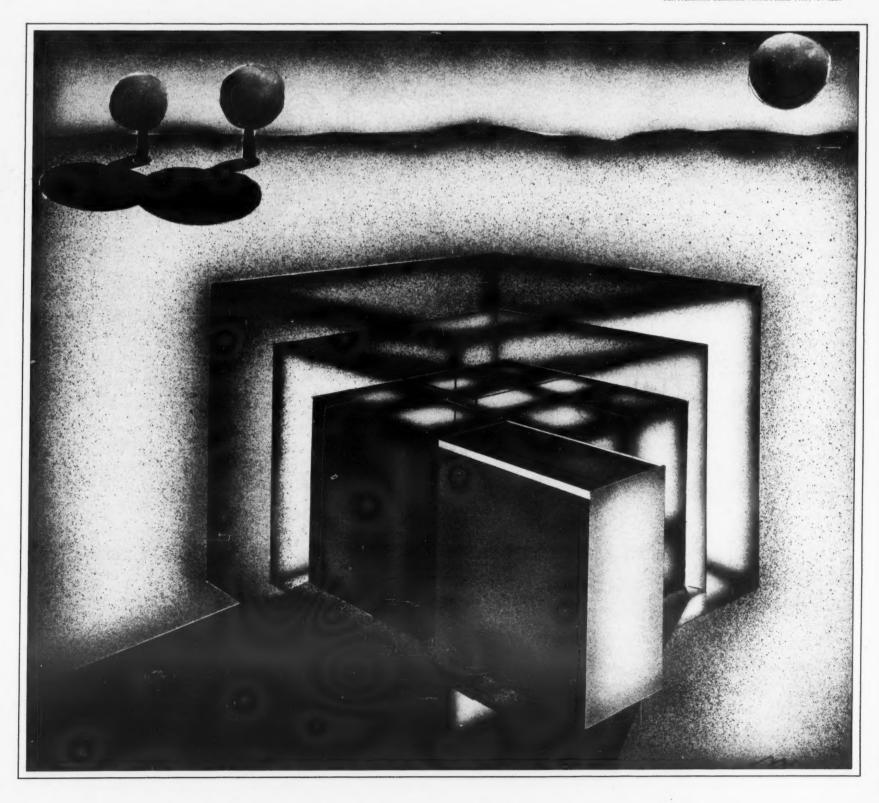
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## Bits & Pieces

## National, Local Cards Used With Credit System Option

HUDSON, Mass. - An option recently added to its CS-1500 free-standing credit authorization and information system by Datatrol, Inc. allows the use of national credit cards as well as private cards.

The ability to verify and authorize national cards was achieved by modifying the software, building additional features into terminal controllers and implementing extra push-buttons on the point-of-sale terminal, the company explained.

Datatrol is at Kane Industrial Drive, 01749

### **Data General Cuts Service Cost**

SOUTHBORO, Mass. - Price reductions averaging 20% in field service maintenance contract rates, reduced prices for warranty extension contracts and the elimination of fixedprice installation charges have been announced by Data General Corp. for all Nova minicomputers.

## **Credit System Uses Telephones**

SAN DIEGO - A credit authorization system which uses Touch-Tone telephones as input terminals to provide digital inquiry to a computer, voice answer-back and automatic referral to a credit authorizer has been developed by Wavetek Data Communi-

The Wavetek system features low installation costs, direct computer connection, high speed and continuous updating and revision. The system is plug-compatible with IBM 360 and other EDP systems.

System purchase prices start at \$50,000. Monthly cost on a lease/purchase plan starts at \$1,550. Delivery is 90 days from P.O. Box 651, 92112.

## Error-Free Tape Uses New Oxide

BEDFORD, Mass. - A magnetic tape designed for error-free operation at 1,600 bit/in. (3,200 flux change/in.), "2000 A.D." from the Computer Products Division of BASF Systems, Inc., is coated with a small-particle oxide that is said to permit the tape to lie flatter, thus resulting in better capstan control and head contact.

The tape is priced at \$16/2,400-ft reel with quantity discounts available. Delivery is immediate from Crosby Drive, 01730.

## 'As Good as IBM'

## Independent Tape Drives Please Users

Of the CW Staff

The average user of independent tape drives feels his units are performing at least as well as the IBM drives they replace, according to a Computerworld survey.

The relatively few negative comments were made by users who admitted they would still consider independents for their next drives.

A Chicago user reported problems still exist in interfacing with the IBM customer engineers. "You've got to keep beating them (IBM) on the head to get good service. If a problem turns out to be in the other equipment," he said, "IBM

## Unit Hooks MC/ST To Teletypewriters

ARCADIA, Calif. - A converter from Western Telematics, Inc. provides an interface between an IBM Mag Card Selectric Typewriter (MC/ST) and computer terminals or intra-company message sys-

The MCS-3 develops 128 Ascii characters from the keyboard, prints 88 characters and responds to standard X-On, X-Off functions for interactive processor

### No Interference

The interface is connected without interfering with the machine's normal functions, including its storage and editing capabilities, the company said. Output is standard serial EIA RS232 to 103-type modems or acoustic couplers.

Switch-selectable speeds of 10 and 15 char./sec permit operation with Teletype Models 33, 35 and 37 ASR and KSR, and Ascii-compatible computers. On-line interactive control with the MC/ST's magnetic store, printer and keyboard are provided. An additional fast-scan mode of 30 char./sec from the 5,000-character mag card permits quick-look editing from a CRT, line printer or transmission to an external tape or processor, the company

Applications include time-sharing processors with Ascii terminals, communications and order systems where the editing capabilities of the MC/ST can be applied. A combination of a CRT and MCS-3 provide versatile editing and teleprocessing terminal capabilities, the company

The MCS-3 is available on a purchaseonly basis for \$3,500, including a threeyear warranty. Delivery is eight weeks from 5507 Peck Road, 91006.

will bill me in addition to my regular prime shift maintenance charge, even though it occurred during prime time. I'm fighting that pretty strongly," he added.

The major area of complaint against the independents is maintenance, according to the survey, although no pattern according to manufacturer is evident.

## Independent Tape Survey

A user in Manhattan claimed to have better service with independents than IBM, while another customer of the same manufacturer, in Chicago, thought his installation was being used as a "training school."

Even the users who complain about the service and the independent equipment admit the savings in monthly rentals more than compensate for the problem areas. Several larger installations said a spare drive was supplied by the manufacturer in case of equipment malfunction.

One user said he could not recommend his independent drives for an installation heavily dependent on tapes. The drives, however, were adequate for the needs of a site that was primarily disk-oriented, he stated.

Cost was the primary consideration when independent drives were selected, but the majority of users surveyed said the peformance was also a factor in returning to the same vendor for their next drives.

Most users surveyed experienced several service problems upon installation. This was accompanied in some cases by operator training problems. Some independents, for example, position their supply and take-up reels opposite to that found on IBM drives, requiring some adaptation. Other users reported "teething problems" with automatic threading devices, but said these were soon eliminated.

In some companies there is a conflict between the financial and operational factions. One executive, responsible for switching his installation to independent peripherals to reduce costs, said "operating people tend to blow up any kind of problem. They'd just as soon have IBM." He attributed this preference to slightly better IBM field maintenance. The name itself was also seen as part of the problem. "Anyone who makes an 'IBM' decision is supersafe," he commented.

The most vocal proponents of independent peripherals, the survey showed, were the Potter and Telex users, followed by Ampex tape drive users. Some indicated they had based their choices on the availability of other peripherals, such as disk memories and printers, from the same manufacturer to minimize service prob-

## **Better Value**

IRVINE, Calif. - The 100 Series of Varian Data Machines' 620/f and 620/L minicomputers offers better price/performance ratios than earlier models.

The 620/f-100, Varian said, has all the performance characteristics of the 620/f lower cost. The 620/f-100 costs \$27,200, compared to \$33,000 for a 32K word 620/f.

Also included at no extra cost in the 620/f-100 are several features that were extra-cost options - memory protection, extended arithmetic unit, real-time clock and power failure/restart.

The 620/L-100 offers higher internal speeds than its predecessor. Cycle time has been improved from 1.8 µsec to 950 Included as standard in the 620/L-100 are hardware multiply/divide, real-time clock, power/failure restart and eight levels of priority interrupts, optionally expandable to 64 levels.

Prices for the 620/L-100 range from \$6,400 for a 4K word memory configuration to \$22,750 for a 32K machine.

Varian says both new models are com-

Model 101 printer last March. To

date, we have delivered more than 1,500 units.

pletely compatible with other 620 models both on a hardware and software basis. Delivery is immediate from 2722 Michel-

## Braille Punching Terminal Aids Blind Programmers

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - A portable terminal that punches Braille in parallel with a TTY or EIA-interfaced teleprinter lets blind programmers check the accuracy of typing and read error messages from the computer.

The BD-3 Braille Control Electronics and Embossing Device is produced by the Association for the Blind of Rochester and Monroe County, Inc.

According to S.E. Skinner, association computer department manager, the device enables the individual to operate, program and machine-debug programs completely independently, even though totally blind.

Mounted in a briefcase, the BD-3 costs \$1,850 and is available on 45-day delivery from 439 Monroe Ave., 14607.

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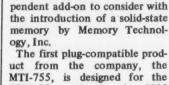
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SUDBURY, Mass. - Users of

IBM 370s have still another inde-

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## 0/155 Memory Cost Cut by 25%



uct from the company, the MTI-755, is designed for the 370/155, replacing the IBM 3630 memory unit used with the 155 and 165, at a 25% lower

Claimed by the company as the first in a series of memory products for the 370 line, the MTI-755 is restricted to a maximum system capacity of 2M bytes, the maximum offered by IBM.

The MTI-755 attaches to the storage adapter without CPU modifications.

The company chose MOS tech-

## Users Offered Help In Selling Computers

ELMSFORD, N.Y. - Users attempting to sell their computers may be interested in the TBI Marketing Assistance Plan which offers full-range marketing assistance and includes a written appraisal, market analysis, preparation of a fact sheet and a direct mail campaign to TBI's list of potential customers.

TBI Equipment Division charges \$435 for the service, which is refunded against the brokerage commission, if the sale is made through a TBI office. A brochure and price guide are available from 500 Executive Blvd., 10523.

nology for its memories, according to a spokesman, because it offers the user lower cost and higher reliability than bipolar devices. Power consumption is only one-tenth that required by core and from one-tenth to onetwentieth that needed by bipolar

MTI-755 is priced at

\$99,000/256K increment, a savings of 25% compared to the \$132,000 price of the 3630. Leases will be available but no prices have been set as yet. Third-party maintenance will cost \$290/mo. First deliveries are scheduled for the second quarter of 1972 from 83 Boston Post Road, 01776.

## **Diva Off-Line Printing Station** Uses IBM Disk Packs as Input

REDBANK, N.J. - Diva Associates has combined its minicomputer-to-disk interface with a line printer to produce an offline print station that can use disk packs produced on IBM systems as a source of input.

The print station can use 1316, 2315, 2316 or 5440 disk packs generated on System 3, System 7, the 1130 or 360.

The Model 50 print station, intended for a 360 installation, includes a minicomputer, line printer and either a 2311 or 2314 compatible disk drive as well as necessary software. The model 53 includes most of the same equipment, but either a 5444 or 2310 disk drive is substituted.

A printer capable of operating at 600 line/min is included. The minicomptuer has 8K of core memory and can be programmed to perform as a stand-alone system.

Operation of the print station is described as extremely simple:

the print station disk drive reads data from the pack and provides printouts off-line. The capability to write data on the pack using IBM-compatible techniques is an option.

The Diva system is especially beneficial to the completely disk-oriented system user who would have to install a tape drive to utilize most available off-line printing systems, according to the company.

The Model 50 costs \$59,750 or \$1,285/mo on a 66-month lease. The Model 53 costs \$49,750 and can be leased at \$1,070/mo.

Diva Associates is at 58 Maple Ave., 07701.

## Cassette Deck Added To Delta Data CRTs

CORNWELLS HEIGHTS, Pa. - Delta Data Systems Corp. has made available the TC-2 digital cassette tape recorder to be used with its Telterm CRT terminals and Multiterm terminal controllers.

The deck is available in single and dual-deck versions and features a search option. Data can be recorded in fixed block lengths of 256, 512, 1K, 2K and 3K characters.

Prices begin at \$1,950. Delivery is 45 days from Woodhaven Industrial Park, 19090.

## Graphic Plotter Bows

PALO ALTO, Calif. - An inexpensive graphic plotter with writing speeds compatible with minicomputer speeds is available from Hewlett-Packard. The HP Model 7210A Graphic Plotter processes coordinate pairs up to 20/sec, and draws symbols at speeds to 5/sec. Virtually silent even at these speeds, the Model 7210A plots faster than many higher-cost incremental plotters, HP said. The 11 in. by 17 in. graphic plotter costs \$3,400 for minicomputer users. Delivery is 45 days.

## 360-370 DOS/OS NUMERIC TO CHARACTER DATE CONVERSION

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#### **ACM Head Lists Proposed Goals,** Cites Need for Formal Statement

NEW YORK - "It is simply beyond my comprehension," said ACM President Walter Carl-"that an organization of ACM's size and age should try to muddle along with no formal statement of its goals."

In explaining a change in game plans, Carlson indicated in the Communications of the ACM that members had been informed in November the ACM Council "would be taking some form of action on a set of goals distilled from efforts of three panels." But this is not to be, he added.

"As one step in the search for a consensus," Carlson has bared his files on the proposed ACM goals, which were developed from the panels and an informal ballot by 14 council members. Carlson's two-year term as president expires May 31. "I contend that an ACM member deserves more for his dues than a random walk through an unprogrammed forest of programs, projects and activities.

#### **Proposed Goals**

In order of priority, the proposed goals include:

• "Maintain and extend

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Proposed goals placed in the second rank of importance include:

• Strengthen role of local ACM chapters.

• Publish and disseminate information regarding personnel and employee matters.

· "Increase emphasis on personal responsibility for performance through promulgation of profession-wide guidelines.

· "Find a better way for a profession-wide attack on common problems facing the industry," such as standards, productivity, performance measure-

• "Take formal stands in major public policy areas" where computer technology can aid in solutions.

#### Research Gets \$1,000 Award

TAMPA, Fla. - The Fifth Annual Simulation Symposium has awarded \$1,000 for research using simulation to Joe K. Clema, University Computer Center, Colorado State University. Julian Reitman and Jerry Katzke of the Norden Division of United Aircraft Corp. received \$500 best paper award for their work entitled "Approaching a Universal GPSS."

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- OCR.
- Intelligent terminals distributed process-
- Direct data entry/source data automation.

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Keynote speaker; Dr. Dixon Doll, Data Communications Consultant, faculty member, Graduate School of Business, Eastern Michigan University.

Panels and workshops will be grouped by these four subjects:

- Communications equipment from mainframe makers and common carriers.
- Communications equipment from independent suppliers.
- Data transmission via private (lines, microwave) networks.
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Third Day: Operational Efficiency

Keynote speaker; Charles Lecht, President, Advanced Computer Techniques, N.Y., N.Y., author of The Management of Computer Programming Projects.

Panels and workshops will be grouped by these four subjects:

- Core extensions.
- System/utility software modifications.
- Independent peripheral usage.
- Dedicated systems vs. general purpose computers.

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By Don Leavitt Of the CW Staff

ST. LOUIS – The Subcommittee on Small College Programs has recommended to the ACM Committee on Curriculum a series of four courses that would be appropriate for those schools with limited resources, but "with an interest, enthusiasm, and desire" for some computer science offerings. The suggestions are contained in a report made possible in part by funds from the National Science Foundation.

A working paper outlining the courses was presented recently

## More DP Urged For Industry

ST. LOUIS – There is a real place for computer science education in industry, to complement computer science education in the universities. Beyond that, there has to be much greater cooperation between industry and educators, according to Dr. Edward S. Kopley, director of IBM's Systems Research Institute (SRI).

Industry needs more than conventional DP training classes to take full advantage of constantly changing technology, Kopley told the ACM technical symposium. Universities have to learn to cooperate with one another, as well as with industry, he added.

#### Over 750 Programs Offer College Degree

ST. LOUIS – With more than 750 degree programs in computer science being offered by U.S. colleges and universities, any question of the validity of the discipline as a course of study would seem "academic," Dr. William Atchison of the University of Maryland said in his keynote address at the ACM technical symposium.

The precise number of programs, which range from the associate level to the PhD, and the number of students involved, are not easily determined, he said, because computer science is sometimes still considered a subdivision of another discipline. Faculty teaching DP subjects may be counted under mathematics, engineering or physics departments, he added.

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#### **Education**

Hampden-Sydney College, invited comments before they finalized their proposal.

Three of the proposed courses are based on parts of ACM's "Curriculum '68," intended for

schools that can mount a major program in computer science. The proposed courses represent a coherent program, but are so structured as to allow a student to pick and choose those relevant to his needs, Engel noted.

Course 1 is introductory and includes student work in a high-level programming language. Actual programming thus precedes course 2, which considers social implications and applications.

Problems in the second course will be far more meaningful if the students have an apprecia-

tion of the effort involved in programming, Austing explained, He noted that course 2 has no equivalent in "Curriculum'68."

In course 3, the student gains familiarity with various aspects of computer systems and how they interact. Finally, in course 4, the concepts and use of data representation and organization are considered.

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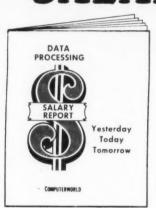
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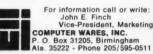
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#### IDC Plans Bank Study

NEWTON, Mass. – International Data Corp. is planning a study of the role of the banking community in the \$1.5 billion computer services market.

IDC said banks and computer manufacturers presently are the greatest competition to the independent service companies, with the penetration of banks to increase "dramatically" over the next few years. The study will be completed this June.

#### **SDC Reorganizes Divisions**

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — System Development Corp. has announced several organizational changes and personnel assignments which will "consolidate the firm into major operating areas."

A newly created organization, the Defense and Space Division, will be headed by Dr. Donald A. Dooley, formerly vice-president of research and development. Dr. Launor F. Carter will continue as vice-president of the Public Systems Division.

James B. Skaggs has been named senior vice-president of the firm.

#### **Tri-Data Unit Expected**

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — Tri-Data is expected to announce the latest version of its Cartrifile, the Model 40 four-drive configuration.

The Cartrifile 40 uses the Tri-Data Polydrive transport mechanism and records data in the Bitrack tape format. The OEM unit price of the Cartrifile 40 is \$3,350, the computer interface costs \$600. Usual Tri-Data discount schedules apply.

#### Supershorts

Ampex Corp.'s Computer Products Division has established a new marketing section to specialize in sales and service of Ampex replacement equipment for computers produced by Univac. Bruce D. Stewart has been appointed Univac national accounts manager.

Tally Corp. has agreed in principle with United States Leasing, International, Inc., and the St. Paul Leasing Co. to the formation of Tally Leasing Co. which will purchase up to \$4 million worth of certain Tally equipment in 1972.

Storage Technology Corp. has landed a tape drive contract from the Social Security Administration (SSA) that could total more than \$5.5 million in sales

Mohawk Data Sciences Corp. has agreed in principle to acquire Computing Efficiency Inc., whose subsidiary, Bucode, makes mag tape units.

Beckman Instruments, Inc. has agreed to produce high-speed card readers developed by True Data Corp. The agreement calls for production of a minimum 1,000 card readers during the first year, noted Merle Amundson, True Data president.

Microdata has shipped 1,001 models of its Micro 800 computer.

#### \$675 Million Seen by 1975

## Point-of-Sale Field Undergoing Change

By E. Drake Lundell Jr.

Of the CW Staff

NEW YORK — The point-of-sale (POS) market is in the "throes of a complete revision in terms of the types of systems needed to perform, capture and record sales transaction data," according to Frost and Sullivan here.

Data processing will be the "key element" in the emerging POS systems, the firm said.

The present total market for point-ofsale equipment is valued at around \$400 million, Frost and Sullivan said, but annual sales should increase to \$675 million in 1975 and to \$966 million by 1980.

A total of more than \$6.8 billion will be spent on point-of-sale equipment during the 1970s, the firm said.

During that time, POS systems will change "from the cash register system to the integrated POS and credit authorization systems" working in conjunction with DP systems.

Cash registers dominate the present POS market, with a total annual sales value of \$325 million, but this will drop to \$150 million by 1975, according to the report. By 1975, completely integrated POS systems will account for sales of \$250

systems will account for sales of \$250 million, up more than tenfold from the \$21 million spent in 1971.

Tag readers and printers valued at \$40 million will be sold in 1975, up from \$10 million today; sales of OCR journal tape readers will drop from \$20 million in 1971 to \$10 million in 1975; and credit card authorization systems, which account for sales of \$17 million last year, will grow to sales of \$180 million by 1975, the firm said.

"At present, the large department stores

are taking the initiative in implementing the new systems," the report stated, but "once their installations prove successful, which will take approximately two years, POS systems will spread to other user categories," including variety stores, small retail stores, etc.

#### **Integrated System**

"The integrated POS system will be employed by the discount and department stores, variety stores and food stores in industry and government on a complete system basis, and by the small retail stores via a POS service bureau," the firm predicted.

Presently, most potential POS users have little knowledge of the new POS systems or their capabilities, Frost and Sullivan said, and they feel the systems are generally priced too high.

In addition, the potential users "do not understand the value of the POS system. That is, the management information systems concept has not been explained."

The major problem now is in merchandise inventory control, with salesperson errors second, the firm added. Credit card authorization is considered third in importance.

Potential users are reluctant to move to the new systems because of "system cost, anxiety over reliability and service, lack of software and economic justification," Frost and Sullivan said.

"The POS manufacturer needs to market his system with an eye toward meeting these considerations," it added.

## Russia 5-Year Automation Plan Seems to Be Ahead of Schedule

By Bohdan O. Szuprowicz Special to Computerworld

MOSCOW — Over a year has passed since the 24th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union announced directives for automation of the Soviet economy during the current five-year plan (1971-1975).

Since then, little additional information about implementation of the plans is known and the actual number of computers in the Soviet Union remains a closely guarded state secret. But some progress has been made.

Last May Mikhail Rakovsky, a deputy chairman of Gosplan, the state planning committee, indicated that Russia will produce between 12,000 to 15,000 computers during the current five-year plan.

The results of the fulfillment of the first year in the five-year plan indicate that plans have been implemented ahead of schedule in the production of computers and means of automation, a collective term used in the Soviet Union to denote DP equipment.

The value of instruments, means of automation and computers produced during 1971 came to \$3.9 billion. This represents a 17% increase.

It is possible, then, that up to 2,000 computers were produced to meet the five-year objectives, at an average value of about \$550,000 per computer system.

Besides Riad, the IBM 360-compatible computer line, there is another line of machines in the country already in production, the ASTV series. It is exemplified by the M-1000, M-2000 and M-3000 systems, also IBM 360-compatible, and primarily designed for automation of processes and production.

It appears that the main reason Russia is embracing such intensive automation of production is a projected acute shortage of labor in the coming years.

By the end of the five-year plan every fifth industrial enterprise in the Soviet Union is expected to have an automated management and control system. In many plants automation is expected to account for 50% to 70% of all production. This undertaking is also expected to require 140,000 specialists in the design and installation of automatic systems.

The Soviets have acknowledged however, that their overall effort to develop third generation machines was lagging, although they unveiled the United Systems 1020, the smallest of the proposed Riad series.

Later, Georgi S. Pavlov, head of the Central Committee's administrative section, arrived in the U.S. to study DP techniques. Speculation among U.S. businessmen is that the Soviets, confronted with a lagging computer production and faced with ambitious automation plans, will have to turn to the West for large purchases of DP equipment.

And "IBM 360-compatible" manufacturers of CPU and peripheral equipment are beginning to turn up in Moscow in expectation of relaxation of many restrictions after President Nixon's May visit.

## Insurance for Service Bureaus Protects Against Errors, Loss

SHORT HILLS, N.J. – Faced with increasing claims for errors and omissions, the service bureau industry is turning to insurance companies to protect them from losses.

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#### Two Software Groups Unite in Legal Fight For Program Patents

McLEAN, Va. — The Association of Independent Software Companies (AISC) and the Software Section of the Association of Data Processing Service Organizations (Adapso) have retained counsel to file a joint brief in the Supreme Court in support of patents for software inventions.

Martin Goetz of Applied Data Research and Larry Welke of International Computer Programs, spokesmen for AISC and Adapso, respectively, explained that the Supreme Court, in response to the petition of IBM and other hardware manufacturers, has decided to hear the appeal of Benson and Tabbott. In this case, the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals reversed a U.S. Patent Office decision and ordered the grant of a patent for a code converter (from binary coded decimal to binary) based on software techniques.

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80 by 256 lines and a resolution of 33 line/in. It includes the display panel and associated drive and sustaining circuitry.

Approximately 1,400 5 by 7 dot characters can be written each second in serial address. For faster data rates, units using parallel addressing can write 10,000 char./sec.

PDP-15 Memory Out

WALTHAM, Mass. — Dimensional Systems, Inc.'s new low-cost add-on core memory system for the PDP-15 computer, the DMS-15, operates with an 800 nsec cycle time and is available with room for 16K or 64K of 18-bit memory.

Eighteen bits of address are recognized by the unit allowing indexed registering to 128K of core. A boundary register locates the add-on memory above the main memory in core space.

The memory system is composed of two standard rack chassis. A typical 32K block sells for less than \$25,000 installed.

**Other New Products** 

A portable card punch for use in source data entry applications is being made available for OEM purchase by Data Devices, Inc., Tarzana, Calif.

The Micropunch 461 simultaneously punches and interprets up to eight columns of numerics on a standard 80-column tab card.

The postable punch retails for

The portable punch retails for \$395. Delivery is 30 days.

A miniaturized scan converter, designed for video data processing in information display applications, has been introduced by Hughes Aircraft Co.'s Industrial Products Division, Oceanside, Calif.

Ramtek Corp., Palo Alto, Calif., announced an off-the-shelf grey scale raster scan graphic display system. The GX-100 with an all solid state memory will allow selectable grey scale from two shades to 16 shades at no additional cost to the basic system, Ramtek said.

The price for systems with four shades of grey is \$7,500; eight shades for \$8,500; and 16 shades for \$9,500.

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Box 278-A HILLSDALE, NEW JERSEY 07642 dom access NDRO memories using COS/MOS technology have been introduced by RCA, Somerville, N.J., for new equipment designs.

Standard Microsystems, Mountain View, Calif., has introduced a high-speed MOS Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter (U-ART) subsystem. The Standard U-ART has a 200 nsec strobe rate and 20 kbaud rate.

There can be 5, 6, 7 or 8 data bits, odd/even or no parity, and 1 or 2 stop bits and it can operate in either the tull or half duplex mode.

Esterline Angus Division, Indianapolis, Ind., of the Esterline Corp. has announced a pair of digital data acquisition systems that collect analog data from 100 or 200 channels, convert the signal to computer-compatible form and can be set for a wide range of data print rates.

Burroughs Corp.'s Electronic Components Division, Plainfield,

N.J., offers a standard product line of single-row 80-character position Self-Scan panel displays.

Computer output can now be printed noiselessly on ordinary paper with the DI-240 magnetic printer from Data Interface, Danbury, Conn.

The printer is compatible with TTL logic or RS-232. Production units will be available in July.

The Model 6 label printer from

Computer Terminal Systems, Inc., Plainview, N.Y. employs the print mechanism of the CTS Model 4 Strip Printer and features both a micro-well ink roller and guillotine mechanism.

Potter Instrument Co., Inc., Melville, N.Y., has a militarized airborne version of its matrix printer, the HSP 3609.

The printer, which meets the environmental requirements of MIL - T - 21200, MIL - E - 5400 and MIL - E - 16400, is also in use in the F15 program.



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## **U.S. Confirms Import Rise**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. exports of business machines in 1971 totaled \$1.6 billion, the same as the previous year. Imports, however, gained 12%, from \$506 million to \$564 million, the U.S. Department of Commerce reported recently.

Computers, peripheral equipment and parts accounted for the largest segment of 1971 exports, 68%, for a total of \$1.1 billion, the same as in 1970. Of the total, computers comprised \$374 million, parts \$323 million and input/output peripheral devices \$250 million, Major customers included West Germany, the UK, France, Canada and Japan.

Statistical machines used with punched card or tape shared 8% of exports at \$136 million. The leading customers were Canada, France, the UK, Japan and West Germany.

Data processing machines, including punched card machines, tape readers, tape punches, card readers and other DP machines totaled \$92 million or 16% of imports in 1971, increasing 114% from 1970. Canada was the principal supplier.

## Study Says Remote Computing Market To Double, Warns of Public Backlash

NEW YORK — The computer's tendency in the public mind to depersonalize human relations and to perform "people-processing" functions threatens a consumer backlash that could eventually surround the computer industry with legislation and controls, Frost and Sullivan said here recently.

In a report on "Remote Computing," the firm forecasts hefty growth for those markets that utilize remote computer services and equipment.

Specifically, total revenues are projected to climb from \$1 billion in 1972 to \$2 billion in 1975 and to \$4 billion in 1985.

The figures assume the industry can ward off any restrictive public reaction, which, the report warns, is a very real, although an unrecognized danger, arising from the way in which some computer systems are being deployed to control decisions, such as those affecting credit and employment chances.

The study concludes that re-

mote computing markets can be expected to grow by at least 15% over the next five years, which contrasts with a 10% growth rate for the computer industry as a whole.

#### **Telephone Troubles**

More than 75% of the users surveyed had experienced trouble with the communication lines provided by telephone companies for data transmission, the report finds. The main problems are "noisy lines" and the fact of having to "deal with the telephone company."

Whether such problems would be relieved by the new data communications services to be provided by the specialized common carriers, however, is not now known. Many users were uncertain as to how their use of remote computing would be affected by this development, the report says.

#### Orders & Installations

The first installations of NCR Century 300 computers are under way. Two Century 300 systems are currently being installed in the headquarters of the Sumitomo Bank in Osaka, Japan. The Osaka installation represents half of Sumitomo's order for four of the large systems.

First U.S. deliveries will be to the office of the Texas Secretary of State, Austin, and The First Security National Bank of Beaumont, Texas.

Coutts and Company, a London-based banking concern, has installed a Univac 9400 with 33 Univac DCT-1000 Data Communication Terminals as the first step in the establishment of a real-time banking system.

Standard Oil Co., Ohio, has leased an ECM-65 extended core memory from Ampex Corp.

Long Island Lighting Co. has ordered an information processing system from Sanders Associates, Inc., comprised of about 200 terminals.

Berrien County Milk Producers Inc., Benton Harbor, Mich., has installed a Burroughs B2500 for route settlement, production and inventory control, cost accounting, payroll and other accounting purposes.

The Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory of the University of California has installed an Information International FR 80 Computer Output Microfilm (COM) recorder at Los Alamos.



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#### Concept 'Gains Acceptance'

## Reconditioning Is a Thorough Process

ment may have been under maintenance, but we feel reconditioning is an important element in quality equipment," noted Ralph Graves of TLW.

TLW sells and leases reconditioned equipment, from unit record and keypunches to IBM 360/50 mainframes and peripherals. Computer Acquisitions, a TLW division, acquires and acts as a broker of used equipment.

Thus, while other firms act as brokers of used equipment, and



056 verifier being reconditioned undergoes thorough cleaning with sprayed solvents, after parts requiring manual cleaning have been removed.

still others will recondition machines, TLW can handle the whole process, acquiring the desired machine and reconditioning it, and then selling or leasing it to the user.

More Reliable

"We feel reconditioned equip-



collator has been cleaned, and is waiting to be painted and reconditioned.

ment is more reliable. Sometimes it's hard to explain to a prospective user that the equipment, although under maintehasn't necessarily renance, ceived preventive maintenance and upkeep," he continued. "But the concept of reconditioned equipment is being ac-



Hand-cleaning these 402 counters is a week's work for one man.

cepted by an increasing number of users

In addition to reconditioning machines, TLW also will make customer-requested modifica-

During the reconditioning process, TLW cleans each machine, many parts by hand, paints the frame, spots and replaces frayed wires, loose connections and other potential sources of malfunctions, reassembles and checks out the machine.

Most of TLW's business involves IBM equipment, because

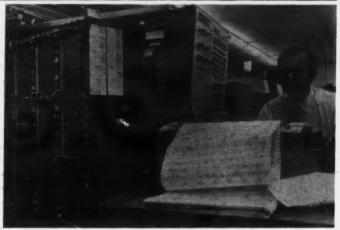


Eddie Cook cuts and strips

"that's what's out in the marketplace.

"Although most people think of us as handling keypunch ma-chines, we can handle up through a 360/50," Graves added. The firm currently has a quantity of disk and tape drives in stock, as well as a 360/30 and

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Bob Allen runs diagnostics on a 360/40.

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## **Group Would End Layoffs**

SAN JOSE, Calif. - Employees at IBM's disk facility here are organizing to prevent "the termination and layoff of IBMers." according to a statement of the IBM Norcal Employees Association.

Layoff of employees is presently being accomplished through the use of the "notice list," pretext firings and "tightening up" of the appraisal system, according to the recently organized group.

"An employee with over 20 years in IBM was recently terminated while others have been forced to resign. Our group will end this disgrace," the association said.

Other demands of the group include the establishment of a mandatory cost-of-living increase on an annual basis. "The current

'merit' system is at best a sad joke and it does not permit the employee to even maintain his current standard of living," the group said in a recent handout to employees at the facility here.

#### 'Normal Severance'

The group also wants to "assure that employees who voluntarily leave IBM receive at least normal severance... Currently an employee who voluntarily resigns leaves with empty pockets."

The group also urges the establishment of company-paid dental and legal care plans for IBM employees and the establishment "totally new grievance procedures as a viable substitute to the 'open door."

The group also demands three

weeks' vacation for employees with less than five years with the firm and a similar adjustment for employees with more than five

Furthermore, the association seeks a four-day week and a revision in the major medical benefits of the firm.

#### **Labor Backing**

The association claims that the present medical benefits "bureaucracy" currently has 847 unprocessed benefits claims,

"We seek a decentralized arrangement whereby your manager's signature on the application brings the money in your check the following Monday," the group stated.

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#### Transportation Dept. Awards \$3 Million In Software Contracts

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Department of Transportation has awarded three contracts totaling \$3 million for computer software for planning urban mass transit systems as part of a \$3.1 billion program to upgrade mass transit in

Planning Research Corp. won a \$1 million pact to improve computer techniques currently used in transportation planning, and Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. got a \$900,000 contract to devise new computer techniques for transportation plan-

The third contract, valued at \$1.1 mil-

## Contracts

lion, goes to TRW Systems Group to design and document full-scale pilot tests of all of the programs of the two other contractors.

#### **Other Contracts**

Bresnahan Data Center has received a three-year systems management contract from Golconda Corp., manufacturer of gas control devices, food service equipment and precision components for in-

Pentamation Enterprises, Inc. has been selected to manage and operate the Middle Atlantic Educational and Research Center (Merc), a regional DP center for nonprofit agencies, located at Franklin and Marshall College.

Computing and Software, Inc. has received contracts from eight Southern California consumer credit reporting agencies for its Medallion service, which links the company's central credit information file with those of outlying credit bureaus.

Inter-Continental Computing, Inc. will provide computerized on-line accounting services for three years to the Missouri Pacific Employees Credit Union.

Arthur Andersen & Co. has received a contract from the Department of Transportation for development of a data system designed to improve economic analyses of transit companies' financia and operating problems.

Accounting Controls Corp. has signed a long-term facilities management contract with Doehla Greeting Cards, Inc.

Bunker Ramo Corp. has received a contract for a multi-station BR-700 information system from the U.S. Navy. The system will be used by watch officers in reviewing and validating reports.

## **DUO 360/370 shrinks** OS manpower conversion costs up to 90%.

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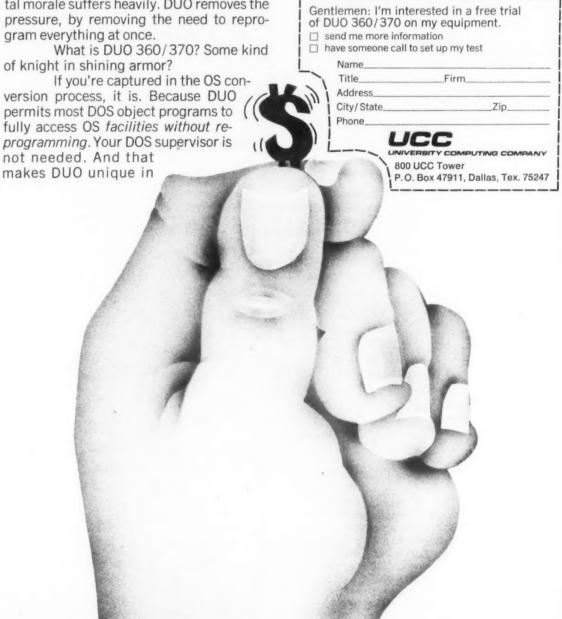
For another, OS test time is an obstacle. DUO cuts it by as much as 90%.

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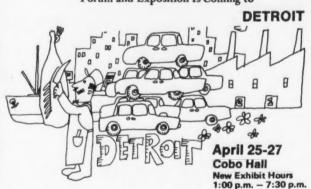
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Sales and earnings continue to grow at Data General Corp. In the second quarter ended March 11, sales more than doubled to \$6.3 million from \$2.8 million in the same period last year. The 1970 figures had doubled from 1969's \$1.4 million.

Earnings after taxes totaled \$815,000 or 31 cents a share, compared with \$308,000 or 13 cents per share in the 1970 quar-

Sales for the 24-week period totaled \$11.6 million, compared with \$5 million in the same 1970 period. Earnings after taxes reached \$1.5 million or 56

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cents a share, compared with \$528,000 or 24 cents a share for the 1970 period.

And General Automation has reported record results for its first six months ended Jan. 31.

Sales rose 22% to \$6.5 million from \$5.3 million for the same period last year. Earnings totaled \$611,000 or 35 cents per share, including an extraordinary credit for tax loss carryforward, compared with a loss of \$70,000, or 4 cents per share.

Extraordinary credit totaled \$302,000.

For the second quarter sales \$3.6 million compared with \$3 million in the year-ago period, while earnings, including \$197,000 extraordinary credit for tax loss carryforward, were \$402,000 or 23 cents per share

The record performance was the "direct result of an expanded marketing, sales and service force, a growing acceptance of the company's computers and systems, as well as an intensive production cost reduction program," according to President Lawrence A. Goshorn.

General Automation expects "further market penetration resulting from the January introduction of three new SPC-12 and six new SPC-16 models which will make us far more competitive in the OEM market," Goshorn said.

The firm has selected the automotive and electronic industries for primary penetration.

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#### Itel Puts Year Loss At \$5.9 Million

SAN FRANCISCO - Itel showed improved revenues and earnings from continuing operations, but a \$7.3 million loss attributable to discontinued operations and a \$7.7 million extraordinary charge resulted in a \$5.9 million loss for the year ended Dec. 31.

Revenues from continuing operations climbed to \$101.2 million from \$81.3 million in 1970. Income before the special charge and loss from discontinued operations totaled \$9.1 million or \$1.27 per share, up from last year's \$6.9 million or \$1.02 a share.

The operations being discontinued include office products manufacturing and marketing. The extraordinary item includes a writeoff of \$12.1 million of related goodwill and \$10.1 million provision for closing costs, less \$12.4 million to be received from the sale of Diablo Systems, Inc. to Xerox Corp.

#### Nickels & Dimes

Calcomp has issued 396,555 shares of common stock to acquire an additional 27.9% of Century Data Systems, bringing its holdings to 93.7%.

Computer Horizons' initial public offering of 220,000 shares of common netted the company \$561,000, which it plans to use for expansion of computer services operations and in connection with entry into the facility management field.

Trilog Associates' six-month earnings were off 24% from last year, \$21,230 compared with \$28,015. Sales fell to \$851,557 in the period ending Jan. 29, from \$1.2 million last year. Most of the sales decline occurred in the systems engineering division, but increases in the data services and software division partially offset the decline.

\$\$\$ Storage Technology has obtained an agreement for a \$20 million line of credit from First National City Bank, N.Y., to support leasing of tape drives and control units. The agreement calls for STC to raise \$5 million through the sales of stock or subordinate debt.

Autocomp's sales for the year ended Oct. 31 tripled, and losses were correspondingly reduced, but that's only the beginning, according to President Edward D. Coxen, who said, "Our task remains unfinished until Autocomp becomes consistently profitable."



## Computerworld **Stock Trading Summary**

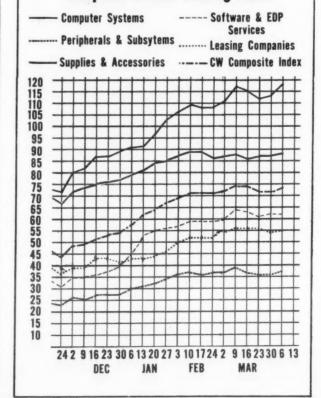
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CDADULC CONTROLS		10	11	7/1	011	7/0	CHING
3M COMPANY	96-	149	146	1/2	*	7/8	-0.
MOORE BUS. FORMS	36-	48	47	1/8		1/2	-1.
NASHUA CORP	29-	56	54	3/4	-	3/4	-1.
REYNOLDS & REYNOLD	37-	77	43	1/2	+1		+2.
STANDARD REGISTER	14-	23	19	1/4	+	3/8	+1.
TAB PRODUCTS CO	8-	17	14	1/4	-	1/4	-1.
UARCO MACHETICS	23-	34	25	7/1	-	1/2	-1.
WALLACE BUS FORMS	18-	26	25	3/8	-	0 0	0.
COM	PUTER	SYS	TEMS				
BURROUGHS CORP	105-	172	172	1/8	+8	1/4	+5.
COLLINS RADIO	10-	20	17	7/8	+2	-, -	+12.
CONTROL DATA CORP	34-	83	62	1/2	+3	1/4	+5.
DATA GENERAL CORP	19-	93	92	1/2	+7		+8.
DIGITAL COMP CONTROL	4-	24	16	1/4	-1	3/4	-9.
FLECTRONIC ASSOC	53-	97	89	5/4	-1	1/4	-1.
CLEOTRONIC ASSOCI	3-	12	11	3/0	+1	2/4	-16.
ELECTRONIC ENGINEER.	5~	14	9	3/4	-	1/2	-4.
FOXBORO	25-	46	39	1/4	+2	1/2	+6.
HEWLETT-PACKARD CO	30-	57	5.7	1/4	+ 2	1/2	+11.
HONEYWELL INC	83-1	158	149	1/0	+7	1/4	+4.
IBM	284-	392	391		+8	3/4	+2.
INTERDATA INC	6-	15	14	7/8	+2	1/4	+17.
NCR	25-	49	33	3/8	+1	5/8	+5.
RAYTHEON CO	27-	46	43	1/4	+2	3/4	+6.
SPERRY RAND	23-	39	35	1/4	+	1/8	+0.
SYSTEMS ENG. LABS	7-	18	15		+	7/8	+6.
VARIAN ASSOCIATES	11-	18	16	3/8	- 1	1/8	-0.
WANG LABS.	29-	50	49	1/8	+6	1/8	+15.
XEROX CORP	05-1	1.5	144	3/1	4.7	1/6	42
ALROA CORF	03-1	.43	144	3/4	* 3	1/4	72.
LEAS	ING CC	MPA	NIES				
BOOTHE COMPUTER	11-	27	11	1/8	-	7/8	-7.
COMPLITER EXCHANGE	3-	0	2	1/4		1/0	45
COMPUTER INVSTRS COP	7-	14	13	3/8		7/8	+7
DPF INC	8-	19	10	1/2	+	1/8	+1.
DATRONIC RENTAL	2-	4	3	3/4	0	)	0.
DCL INC	5-	13	8	1/8	+	1/4	+3.
DEARBORN-STORM	12-	25	24	1/4	+1	3/4	+7.
DPA, INC.	4-	9	6	1/2	0	1	0.1
GRANITE MGT	7-	13	10	3/8	0	2.45	0.1
GRETHOUND COMPUTER	7-	11	9	1/8	-	1/8	-1.
LECTRO MGT INC	16-	26	21	3/4	*	1/4	+7.
NCC INDUSTRIES	3-	11	9	1/4	0	2/4	0.
ROCKWOOD COMPUTER	3-	9	4	1/2	_	1/8	-2.
SYSTEMS CAPITAL	3-	9	8	1/8	0	2,0	0.0
U.S. LEASING	16-	48	45	5/8	+1	5/8	+3.6
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#### Earnings Reports

DEARBORN-STORM

	1972	1971
Shr Ernd	\$.40	a\$.31
Revenue	10,575,000	9,056,000
Earnings	1,065,000	882,000
	for a 100% sto	ock distribu-

FABRI-TEK Three Months Ended Dec. 31

	1971	a1970
Revenue	\$4,075,901	\$4,091,477
Spec Cred	b133,358	c32,470
Loss	629,030	1,318,956
9 Mo Rev	12,117,714	14,163,165
Spec Cred Earnings	b2,045,973	c32,470

e412,300 (2,007,065) (Loss) e412,300 (2,007,065)
a-Restated to reflect operations of
Fabri-Tek Micro-Systems Inc., not
previously consolidated. b-Consists of
gains on purchase of debentures and
sale of Fabri-Tek Micro-Systems, Inc.
in the third quarter, and gain on sale
of Nicolet Instrument Corp. in the
nine months. c-Reflects \$216,199
gain on purchase of debentures, less
\$183,729 charge-off of discontinued
operations. e-Equal to 13 cents a
share.

#### SANGAMO ELECTRIC

Y	ear Ended Dec	. 31
	1971	1970
Shr Ernd	a\$.34	\$.64
Revenue	82,462,000	83,973,000
Loss Disc		
Op	1,715,000	1,250,000
Spec Chg	b1,685,000	
Earnings		
(Loss)	(771,000)	1,751,000
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#### STANDARD REGISTER

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	1972	a1971
Shr Ernd	\$.82	\$1.82
Revenue	107,139,349	102,119,558
Earnings	1,759,944	3,912,400
3 Mo Shr	.32	.49
Revenue	26,534,899	25,385,804
Earnings	683,685	1,059,297
a-Restated	i.	

#### GENERAL AUTOMATION Three Months Ended Jan. 31

ļ		1972	1971
١	Shr Ernd	a\$.12	\$.06
١	Revenue	3,631,000	2,985,000
١	Spec Cred	b197,000	
I	Earnings	c402,000	103,000
I	6 Mo Shr	a.18	
١	Revenue	6,508,000	5,335,000
١	Spec Cred	b302,000	
I	Earnings (Loss)	c611,000	(70,000)
	credit. b-Fro	income betom tax loss ca 23 cents a s 36 cents a s	rryforward. hare in the

Ye	PHOTON ear Ended Dec	. 31
	1971	a1970
Shr Ernd	b\$.20	
Revenue	22,054,001	\$19,721,629
cSpec Cred Earnings	465,209	763,774
(Loss)	e1,349,468	(978,464)
a Doctated	to include	Bridge Data

a-Restated to include Bridge Data Products Co. on a pooling-of-interests basis. b-Based on income before special credit. c-From settlement of patent suit in both years and tax credit from loss carryforward in 1971. e-Equal to 31 cents a share.

#### FOXBORO Year Ended Dec. 31

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	1971	1970
Shr Ernd	\$1.52	\$1.31
Revenue	157,995,810	144,989,662
Earnings	6,734,183	5,486,870
3 Mo Shr	.39	.56
Revenue	39,613,000	39,438,000
Earnings	1,744,000	2,325,000



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